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Football boss charged with £275,000 fraud

THE chairman of Tipton Town Football Club has appeared in court accused of defrauding more than £275,000 from the life insurance and pension policies of a murder victim.

Bill Williams is alleged to have committed two acts of fraud while an executor of the estate of Andrew Diack.

Mr Diack was stabbed through the heart by Michael Brown at the Flying Dutchman pub, Merry Hill, Wolverhampton.

Williams, of Chester Road, West Bromwich, appeared at Wolverhampton Magistrates Court accused of fraud while an executor for an estate with a £250,000 life insurance policy and a £26,657,58 pension.

Mr Diack, aged 29, of Stafford Road, Fordhouses, Wolverhampton, diedafter a friend's birthday celebration at the pub in February 2009. He died after smashing a bottle over Michael Brown's head. Police found "disarray" with broken pool cues, believed to have been used as weapons in the melee.

Brown, 19, of Langley Road, Merry Hill, was jailed for life in February last year with a minimum of 16 years for stabbing Mr Diack, whose daughter, Megan was born days after the killing.

At Thursday's hearing Williams, 58, spoke to confirm his name and address as his case was committed to Wolverhampton Crown Court, on May 12.

He got unconditional bail. Afterwards he did not comment.

Earlier this season, Midland Alliance club Tipton Town won a place in the First Round of the FA Cup for the first time, banking in the region of £20,000 along the way.

Bill Williams

ANGER AT STATE OF CONVERSION

By Tim Spiers
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A SMETHWICK woman says she has been left in limbo after building work rendered her new property too unsafe to live in.

Harjinder Kaur was supposed to move into a house on Bryan Budd Close, Rowley Regis, in February.

She hired City Glazing to convert the property's garage into a dining room and the work was quoted at £5,000.

But a routine check from Bellaway Homes, which sold the newly-built house to Ms Kaur, showed up structural damage in the new room.

Ms Kaur said she had been told that part of the ceiling was warped leaving it vulnerable to collapse and plaster boards were stuck straight to the walls, without insulation or panels placed in-between.

She contacted Trading Standards and Sandwell Council and she said they have since been trying to commit City Glazing to repair the damage and complete the conversion, which also included installing granite tiles.

Meaning

But nearly two months later nothing has been done, leaving Ms Kaur still in her old property having already paid City Glazing £3,500 in cash.

The 42-year-old said the stress of the situation had caused her to take time off work.

"I can't see where it's going to end," she said.

"This company doesn't know the meaning of customer service – they've taken advantage of me and what they've done is absolutely appalling.

"They kept saying they would sort it out for me and that I should trust them, but then they stopped answering their phones."

Ms Kaur said that although she signed a contract with City Glazing for the work to be undertaken, she didn't receive a copy. She advised homeowners looking to get building work done to pay for a building regulator to oversee the process.

"I've been left in limbo and the excitement of having a new home has all gone," Ms Kaur, who hoped to enlist the help of a friend to complete the work.

She added: "The council and Trading Standards have been great; they've taken it personally and supported me all the way.

"I just want it sorted out now."

Councillor Derek Rowley, Sandwell Council's cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods, said: "We have received a complaint and are looking into it."

City Glazing refused to comment on the allegations.

Harjinder Kaur in the garage that is being converted into a dining room

Exhibition that's out of the universe

ADVENTUROUS Sandwell residents can travel through time and mingle with extra terrestrial life at an art exhibition which launched last week.

Out of this Universe runs at The Public, New Street, West Bromwich, until June 26 and visitors can expect to be greeted by the weird and wonderful from the world of sci-fi.

Models, costumes, toys and memorabilia from Dr Who and Star Wars will be on display, including interactive machines, Daleks R2D2 and a Tardis.

The pieces are all from the collection of Nigel Parkes and the exhibition is free to attend.

To coincide with the exhibition sci-fi themed family workshops will take place throughout the Easter and May half term holidays.

These include craft play and paint sessions, robot drawing workshops and a sci-fi comic lesson.

Linda Saunders, managing director at The Public, said: "We're incredibly excited about the imminent arrival of such an eagerly awaited exhibition.

"Out of this Universe will no doubt be a huge hit amongst families and sci-fi fanatics alike."

The exhibition is part of The Public's Art of Invention programme, which looks at industry, invention, imagination and science fiction in Sandwell.

For more details about Out of this Universe, or dates, times and prices of the sci-fi workshops, visit www.thepublic.com or call 0121 533 7161.

Gemma Hadley, front, Leah Westwell, left and Jenny Brownhill get ready for the Out of This Universe exhibition

Hayley's skydive pledge for father

A WOMAN who is scared of heights will skydive 10,000ft to raise money for a cancer charity in memory of her late father. Hayley Walker, of St Marks Road, Tipton, will skydive on July 16 at The Parachute Centre, Whitchurch, Shropshire in honour of Harold Highfield, who died, aged 70, in May last year from cancer.

The Coseley High School teaching assistant will donate funds raised to Sandwell Cancer Self Help Group Bridges Support, which transports patients to and from hospital.

Miss Walker said: "I told my dad I would do this for the charity that helped him so much while he was suffering."

She has raised more than £400 so far for the charity. To donate call 0121 612 2939 or write to the group at Johns Lane, Tividale.

Engineers find cannabis factory

A MASSIVE cannabis factory has been found in Smethwick. More than 1,000 plants were discovered at the empty Pioneer House, in Alma Street, by shocked electrical engineers from Npower who called police.

Plants were on three floors of the industrial premises. A West Midlands Police spokeswoman said officers were called to the address, which is in a quiet side street, soon after the find.

She said: "Officers found more than 1,000 plants plus equipment. Our team went in in the morning and started moving the items from the premises. There were no arrests."

No street value has yet been assessed for the haul.

£15m health centre given the go-ahead

PLANS for a £15 million health and leisure centre in Oldbury have been given the go-ahead by the Government – two years after work was due to start.

The future of the Portway Lifestyle Centre was left hanging in the balance after the Government announced a review of all health and social care building projects funded with Department of Health money.

Sandwell Council, which had spent almost £400,000 on designs and planning was told the scheme was one of just four in the country to be given cash – with 13 losing out altogether.

Work is due to begin on the site of the Oldbury Leisure Centre, Newbury Lane, within months, with a provisional opening date of 2013.

Facilities will include a sports hall, hydrotherapy pool and cafe.

Plea for zebra crossing

PEOPLE living in Tipton want a new zebra crossing. It could be installed in Victoria Road, near the town's surgery, if it is approved by Sandwell Council planners this week. In a report, council street scene chief Steve Handley said the crossing would cost £9,700 to install and would help reduce casualties on the roads.

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Teacher Sue Crockett mopping up the floor in the nursery class at Annie Lennard Infant School, Smethwick

Caretaker Richard Phillips shows the tank

Flood havoc as school intruders steal £5 pipe

METAL thieves caused £15,000 of damage to a Smethwick school to steal copper piping worth just £5.

Classrooms were left under a foot of water following an overnight raid at Annie Lennard Infant School, The Oval.

Children's books, artwork and equipment were destroyed when water poured through the ceiling after a copper pipe connecting the water tank on the roof to the boiler inside the school was ripped out by the raiders.

Assessors from the Local Education Authority and its insurers visited the site and confirmed there had been extensive damage last Thursday to floor finishes, carpets, furniture and equipment as well as damage to the building itself.

Sandwell Council said the value of the copper pipe was less than £5, but the damage will cost about £15,000 to repair.

Specialist contractors are due to work throughout the Easter holidays to pump out water and complete repair work.

Councillor Bob Badham, cabinet member for children and families at Sandwell Council, said: "This shows how the petty theft of metal worth virtually nothing can end up costing the authority thousands of pounds and disrupting children's education.

"It was a very small amount of piping and would have negligible scrap value,but the damage caused meant the school had to break up a day early for the Easter holiday.

"We would hope work to get the school back to normal can be completed before the summer term starts.

Cancelled

"This will involve getting in specialist contractors to pump out the water from the boiler room and repairing and replacing damaged furniture, equipment and carpet."

The disastrous flood was discovered by school caretaker Richard Phillips as he opened the building at The Oval, Smethwick, at 7am on Thursday, April 7.

An Easter bonnet parade for the 144 children, all aged eight and under, that was due to take place that day was cancelled.

A holiday club planned for the Easter break has also been called off.

West Midlands Police said they were investigating.

Bailiffs shown door for failing to catch horses

BAILIFFS taken on by Sandwell Council to tackle Tipton's stray horse problem have been let go after they failed to seize a single animal.

The authority announced a "zero tolerance" crackdown after up to 60 animals were seen in Tipton.

However, not a single horse was seized in the two months since the announcement was made – despite the authority paying bailiffs a retainer of £24,000 a year to deal with the problem.

Council bosses said they made the decision not to renew the company's contract at the end of the financial year, after becoming "frustrated" with the lack of success.

It is now in talks with a second firm about providing the service.

Councillor Ian Jones, who represents Tipton Green, said: "The basic problem was that things weren't happening quickly enough on the ground.

Stabling

"The residents of Tipton were getting frustrated, and we were getting frustrated. When horses were spotted, they were not in a position to act quickly enough."

The police are expected to be involved with the bailiffs due to the "public order threat" that comes with removing the animals.

It is expected to cost the council up to £1,000 to remove each of the horses from the area. Owners will have to foot medical, stabling and feeding costs to get them back.

The council is looking at the possibility of setting up an in-house service.

Seventies fever grips school

Pupils Rob McDowell, front left, and Jason Lee, both aged 16, with, in the middle, Gina Brookes, 15, and Kelsey Redfern, 16, and, at the back, Richard Davies, 14, and Jade Langford, 16

PUPILS from a Tipton school are enjoying the sounds of the 70s in a fun-filled production of Disco Inferno.

More than 100 children aged between 11 and 19 from RSA Academy are taking part in the performance, which sees the lead character do a deal with the Devil.

After asking for fame he enjoys worldwide success, but then things start going wrong and he begins to wish the deal had never been done.

Based in 1976, the Bilston Road school performance is packed with the music and the dance moves of the period.

Lesley James, from the school, said: "The pupils have been rehearsing for the past four to five months for the production, and are really looking to putting it on the stage.

"This is the first time our annual production will be performed in our new theatre, and it will be fantastic."

The three-day run of the show ends tomorrow night, Friday, April 15. Tickets are priced at £3.50 (£2.50 for children), available from school reception.

Skip lorries to use site of historic glassworks

WORK has begun to turn part of an historic former glassworks in Smethwick into yard for 200 skips. The Grade II-listed Chance Brothers factory employed hundreds of Smethwick people in its heyday.

The move by part owners of the site, is a bid to get a return on the land pending future development. Temporary buildings have now been installed, and talks have begun on installing water, electricity and gas.

Co-owner Anthony Copeland said: "The work has started, but it's restricted to things that can be surface-mounted because it is a temporary planning permission and it's a national monument site.

Economic

"My partners wanted to get some return on this site to mitigate their costs, and I understand they need to do that because there's no appetite anywhere for investment at the moment."

Owners had hoped to transform the former glassworks, which has survived almost two centuries, into a 200-bed hotel, but plans have been put on hold during the economic downturn.

The plan now is to turn about one acre of the 5.3 acre site into an area for skip storage, with a maximum of 200 skips. Two lorry parking places will be created so skips can be delivered and there will also be a temporary office.

The number of lorries using the site could increase to four depending on the success of initial operations.

English Heritage did not oppose the proposals, but £160,000 has already been invested on restoring Victorian brickwork on the Chance Brother s building.

CCTV security 'unnecessary'

COUNCIL bosses are set to reject a plea to fit CCTV in some West Bromwich streets. West Bromwich East MP Tom Watson submitted a petition of 144 names to Sandwell Council in October asking for cameras to be fitted in and near Jervoise Street.

The petition calls for coverage in Coppice Street, Tapestries Avenue, Hayes Street, Butler Street, Mason Street and Cordley Street.

But after investigations by council inspectors, a report to the council says CCTV is unnecessary and it recommends no action be taken.

The issue is to be discussed by the safer neighbourhoods cabinet advisory team.

The report states that three Neighbourhood Watch schemes have already been revived in the area, and that police are hopeful that three would be starting in the future.

Jobseekers' help at hand

EMPLOYMENT advice is being offered in Sandwell next week.

A Next Steps adviser will be at Tipton Library on Tuesday, April 19, offering to help find job vacancies, complete application forms, produce a CV and impress at interviews.

To book an appointment call the library at Unity Walk, Owen Street, on 0121 557 1796.

The Public initiative

AN INITIATIVE to help teachers find out how they can use The Public in West Bromwich as an educational resource has been launched. Held on the second Wednesday of the month, the Teacher Twilight Sessions provide an insight into the facilities on offer.

The sessions are designed for teachers, educators and group leaders looking to hold a workshop, attend an activity or visit the gallery. Led by The Public's learning team, they include a tour of the gallery followed by a discussion about available workshop packages. The sessions run from 4-5.30pm. Contact The Public's learning team on learning@thepublic.com or 0121 533 7155.

Health bosses defend cancer care

HEALTH chiefs in Sandwell have hit back after campaigners branded the area's prostate cancer care among the worst in the country.

Sandwell Primary Care Trust was ranked bottom for survival rates by the Prostate Cancer Charity, which stated men in the borough were twice as likely to die from the condition as their counterparts in Kensington and Chelsea.

The charity said more than 30 people per 100,000 in Sandwell died from prostate cancer every year on average between 2007 and 2009, labelling the difference a "postcode lottery".

However, following the report, Sandwell cancer specialist Dr Alexis Macherianakis defended the health trust.

He said: "Charities can be quite clever in the way they present figures to suit their own purposes. In this case the prostate cancer death rate for Sandwell was presented as being 25 per cent above the national average. While this was correct, in fact the national average is 24 deaths per 100,000 and the Sandwell figure is 32.

"When put this way, the difference does not sound as dramatic."

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By Joe Orton

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Congregation reassured as church set to be sold

A CHURCH in Smethwick could soon be in the hands of new owners. Contracts are being exchanged for the sale of the Akrill Memorial Methodist Church, in Londonderry Lane, after its owners put it up for sale.

It is thought the prospective buyer is another church from the Pentecostal branch. The asking price was £295,000 but the amount offered has not been disclosed. The sale should be completed by next month.

Akrill treasurer Mary Atherton reassured the congregation. She said the sale did not mean members would be left without a place to worship. She said: "Unfortunately the cost of repairs has become too much to cope with.

"It is an old building and there have been lots of things which have built up. The congregation at Akrill currently use the Sunday School next door to the church which was built in 1932 so for them nothing will change.

"If the sale goes through, what will happen in effect is there will be two places of worship side by side."

Plans to split the Sunday School hall from the church were approved by planning chiefs on Sandwell Council in February. Documents with the application said the offer from another Christian church was conditional on buildings being separate. A link corridor will be demolished with new porches and a pedestrian entrance created.

The application claimed the sale will reinvigorate the site, allowing the substantial buildings to be retained and used to their full potential for the benefit of residents but still allowing the Methodist Church to keep operating.

The church building itself closed in August 2007 after almost 80 years. Proceeds of the sale will allow upgrading of the Memorial Hall.

A spokesman for Bigwood Chartered Surveyors, which marketed the property, remained tight-lipped as to the exact identity of the potential buyers.

He said: "All we can say is the building is no longer being marketed as it has been sold, subject to exchange of contracts.

"The matter is in the hands of lawyers and could be concluded in one month."

He confirmed the church had been on the market with a guide price of £295,000.

Day service plan pulled

PLANS to resurrect a Black Country day service for pensioners as a private enterprise failed after a start-up grant was refused and residents showed little interest.

Tony Billingham, boss of Carlton Care Group, hoped to revive the service at The Regis, Old Hill, where Sandwell Council transported about 30 people a day for a hot meal and to socialise for two years before re-locating the service.

He hoped to run it on a break-even basis if there was demand but needed cash to bring the service back. His request for money from Sandwell Council was refused.

Mr Billingham, who runs nursing and care homes with partner Carole Jenkins, said: "Given that, and the general apathy which saw 16 people go to our first public meeting and then just four to the second public meeting, the interest was not there."

The service moved from the Reddal Hill Road club in January. Sandwell Social Services, which rented space at the club and provided staffing, transferred it eight miles to Manifoldia Grange, West Bromwich.

Talks held on children care

TALKS are being held over new children's care centres to be run by Black Country councils in a bid to cut costs by merging services.

Councils currently pay private operators for care but bosses are exploring options for setting up their own homes.

Councillor Bob Badham, Sandwell's children and families chief, said: "Placing children in homes is very expensive and we are exploring options for homes across the Black Country.

"We have held active talks to do it but it's much too early for us to have identified any locations. We are altering our priorities so that we have less children in homes but if we do have to have them, then we want to cut costs.

"Tremendous work is being done behind the scenes to make sure children's services are moving towards excellence, including having more children looked after in their homes, quicker adoption and fostering services."

Winter hospital bill

FREEZING conditions and deadly viruses saw Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals Trust spent £300,000 to increase staffing and open up extra wards to boost capacity as arctic conditions gripped last winter.

Chief operating officer Richard Kirby said: "Winter pressures vary year on year so we have to be flexible in ensuring our patient needs comes first."

Swine and seasonal flu and outbreaks of the winter vomiting bug tested hospitals to the limits.

No-change bus signs confuse passengers

BUS passengers have been left confused after drivers on some services in the West Midlands stopped changing destination signs due to health and safety fears.

Drivers on some National Express West Midlands buses have been told it is too dangerous to get out and change the rear signs on the buses so have been instructed by National Express not to use them. Only some routes are affected because it is the older buses that have manual rather than automatic destination blinds.

The destination blinds at the front of the buses are still in use.

Sandwell Councillor Les Pawlowski was first informed of the problem at at a Sandwell Transport Users Forum.

"We had a gentleman tell us that some of the buses were not using their rear signs, particularly his regular bus, the 127," he said.

"We asked National Express about this and they explained that drivers had been told not to change the rear signs because it was inconvenient and dangerous to change them at certain points on the route."

He added: "I fully understand that this did cause some confusion and frustration for bus users because obviously they didn't know where they were going."

Important

He added: "What is important to realise is this is getting resolved as the older buses are being phased out of use and the new buses have automatic display signs. The bus company is dealing with this problem and it is progressing."

Bus routes affected include the 127 and 128 service from Birmingham, that alternates between different routes to Blackheath along with the number 2 and 3 service from Birmingham which alternates between routes to Solihull and Maypole.

National Express West Midlands was unavailable for comment but is believed to be reviewing the situation to see if it can be improved.

Museum is in Easter theme

Museum assistant James Harper promotes the children's Easter egg hunt

THIS Easter Oak House Museum will play host to a range of fun activities for children and their parents.

Family friendly activities including an Easter egg hunt, basket making and face painting will take place at the museum in West Bromwich.

A spring craft workshop where children will have the chance to make small baskets for their Easter eggs, or small chicks or Easter bunnies will be running next Monday and Tuesday between 2pm and 4pm.

Monday is also family fun day, which will be an afternoon of magic, balloons and face painting. There will also be children's Easter egg hunt complete with clues to follow to find the chocolates.

Andrea Hicklin, from the museum, said: "A good time will be had by all, especially if the weather is nice. Families could bring a picnic to enjoy whilst taking part in the activities."

The museum puts on themed activities during each school holiday.

Admission is free and workshops cost 50p. Activities are suitable for under 12s and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Teenager's inquest will not reopened

THE inquest into the death of a teenager who was struck by a car in Smethwick will not be reopened. Joshua McAuley, aged 15, was pinned against a shop in Cape Hill last May.

Last month Mahamed Salam, 29, of Kendrick House in West Bromwich was jailed for six years after he pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving. Now, Sandwell coroner Robin Balmain has said the inquest would not resume following

Performing fund boost

A FREE arts and music event raised £200 for a youth group. More than 100 people attended it at Coneygre Youth Arts Centre, Sedgley Road East, Tipton.

Performances came from artists including Mary Christie, Playing with Hammers and Avant Garde. There was a live DJ in the foyer – and even a car wash.

Members of Coneygre's Brass Monkey project spent six weeks planning the event, which took place last weekend.

The money will go towards fixing equipment at the centre.

Artist Matt Lloyd said: "I had the opportunity to work alongside young people with their visual arts project of mural painting."

Gym instructor Laura Fisher on the Power Plate

Powering along will help fitness

A NEW piece of equipment is proving a hit with visitors to a Cradley Heath leisure centre. The Power Plate at the Haden Hill centre helps to burn fat, reduce cellulite, enhance muscle tone, improve balance and increase strength by using vibrations to give muscles a high-speed workout, activating many muscle groups at the same time.

They are used for performance enhancement by many professional sports teams and Olympic athletes to help prepare for the rigours of competition. Haden Hill is thought to be the only centre in the Black Country to have the latest Pro6 model.

Sandwell Leisure Trust gym officer Paul Badhams said: "We are committed to providing the best equipment possible."

Power Plate programmes with trained members of staff can be booked by calling Haden Hill Leisure Centre on 0845 659 4815 and selecting option 0.

Delay but hope on £4.4m piazza plea

Sandwell Council is still waiting to hear whether a bid for £4.4million of European cash to create a public square in the centre of West Bromwich has been successful.

A European-style piazza, sculptures and greenery all feature in the plans for the new development in the heart of the town centre.

Sandwell Council asked the European European Regional Development Fund for the cash in January, and if successful it wants private sector partners to match any cash given.

It wants to create a "public realm" that will link up all the new developments in the town centre.

The bid includes plans for a new pedestrian link between the £200 million new Tesco site and Dartmouth Park.

It would also see the rundown Princess shopping parade revamped and a new plaza created linking the new Sandwell College campus to the town centre, bus and metro station.

Councillor Ian Jones, Sandwell Council's cabinet member for jobs and economy said: "We are hopeful they will see the value of this scheme."

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Show will go on next month

A BUSINESSMAN has stepped in to run the Sandwell Historic Vehicle and Transport Show next month.

More than 10,000 car enthusiasts are expected in the borough for the annual event in May, which will be run by Northamptonshire businessman David Alderson and Sandwell Council.

The show, which will be the 33rd, will again be held at Sandwell Valley in West Bromwich, on May 8. More than 500 vehicles will be on show, some dating back to the 1920s and including a 1924 Rolls Royce Cabriolet.

American cars, commercial vehicles, buses and motorcycles will compete for the 48 awards on offer. Other attractions include an arena with the Piston Ring Youth Motorcycle Display Team, craft fair, market, trade stands and a fun fair.

A bus service will go to the showground from West Bromwich Bus Station, with free car parking available in the town centre. Parking next to the showground will cost £3.

There were doubts about the future of the Sandwell Show and the Historic Vehicle Show earlier this year when it was feared the council may have to charge admission, so it could pay for itself. Former organiser Geoff Price, of Transtar Promotions, ruled himself out when he believed a charge would be introduced.

Changes were discussed after the authority's budget for shows and events was cut by more than £100,000. The vehicle show is organised by Sandwell Council's Street Scene. For information call Jane Johnson on 0121 569 8276 or go to www.events.sandwell.gov.uk.

YMCA unveils new plans for £13 million overhaul at Carters Green

New look – an artist's impression of the £13m glass-fronted YMCA building, which it is planned will sit next to the famous Farley Clock Tower in West Bromwich

A £13 MILLION overhaul of the YMCA in West Bromwich will not overshadow the famous Farley Clock Tower, say bosses after revising the plans.

The YMCA is confident that re-worked designs for an overhaul of its base will win the approval of planners after the original scheme was criticised.

A panel of experts raised fears the centre's revamped building would overshadow the tower in Carters Green.

However, the YMCA's Steve Bavington said a combination of glass and reflective panels would enhance, rather than take away from the landmark.

He said: "We are very excited by these plans. We have created a glassy feel to the front of the tower and changed our plan to use darker coloured panels, with shinier surfaces to reflect the clock."

The YMCA has been on its current site since the 1960s.

Architects on a panel at design advice firm Made, which advises local authorities, called for a redesign of the original plans, saying the original designs were not appropriate and could undermine the prominence of landmark the Farley Clock Tower.

Mr Bavington said that following the criticism, the architects revised their plans.

He said: "We welcomed the contribution of the Made panel and made changes."

The final planning application for the development was lodged with Sandwell Council last week and demolition of terraced houses behind the existing building has begun.

If approved, the new building will include a day nursery and a fitness suite, a pavement cafe, apartments, meeting rooms and a pedestrianised square. The project has been named the Western Gateway. It will mark the entrance to the town from the A41.

Ready for a revamp – the current YMCA building in Carters Green

Vinci is contractor for £200m town centre scheme

Tesco project taking a major step forwards

THE £200 million regeneration of West Bromwich town centre took a major step forward last week with construction giant Vinci announced as contractors.

The company will move on site within weeks.

Under the Tesco-led scheme 570,487sq ft of the town centre will be transformed, with the creation of a 144,236sq ft Tesco Extra, cinema, shops, restaurants and a petrol station.

Councillor Ian Jones, Sandwell Council's jobs and economy boss, said: "Vinci will be contractor for the development, with the final legal agreements now being drawn up.

"Everything should be sorted out by mid-May, with workers on the site by the end of that month.

"This marks a big step forward for the scheme and we must now do everything in our power to ensure that everything goes smoothly and is ready for the Christmas 2012 opening date."

In addition to the shops and leisure facilities being created as part of the project, a new ringway is being created, along with improved public spaces, landscaping, a 1,900-space car park.

Jobs

The development is set to create 2,000 jobs.

Demolition has already been carried out in the town centre, with a number of buildings, including the former Cronehills Primary School already knocked down.

Patrols stepped up to tackle speeding

PATROLS have been stepped up to target speeding motorists on a Smethwick road where a baby died in a hit and run crash.

Grove Lane is the focus of extra patrols to tackle people breaking the 40mph speed limit and police say they would like to set up a community road watch scheme.

It follows the death of two-month-old Mohammed Isa who was killed on the road in November.

Inspector Bal Mand, said: "The public at various forums and committees have come back to us and speeding is one of the issues that they raise.

"We are trying to set up a community speed watch scheme along Grove Lane with targeted operations. We have done two or three in the recent weeks during the day, but it is also an issue at night.

"The local community are telling us it has been a concern on certain stretches of road throughout Smethwick. We will work with the council to try and bring some sort of resolution."

Banned driver Kabir Khan ran off after the Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution he was driving crashed into a Toyota Corolla carrying the baby.

Khan, 31, was sentenced to four-and-a-half years in prison at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week after admitting causing death by careless driving.

Investment

Sandwell council leader, and Soho and Victoria ward councillor Darren Cooper said he wanted to see action but it was unlikely major investment could be made in safety on the road due to budget cuts.

He added: "You can appeal to people's sensibility when they are driving their cars, but there are people who are hell-bent on speed and it is only when they end up killing someone that it dawns on them that they have done something wrong.

"We want something done, however, the likelihood of putting speed control measures on that patch are moving further and further away due to the cuts that we are having to endure."

Roads scheme to deter the kerb crawlers

MEASURES to tackle kerb-crawling including road humps and speed tables costing £60,000 will be installed in Bearwood.

Consultation on the scheme, called for by police and residents, has now finished.

The area has a history of drivers propositioning women.

The scheme will see three flat road humps built in Drayton Road, Poplar Road and Anderson Road, and two speed tables will be built at Poplar Road's junction with Anderson Road and Poplar Road's junction with Drayton Road.

Council bosses originally proposed to make Drayton Road one-way from its junction with Poplar Road to its junction with Sandon Road, but it was scrapped after consulting traders and residents.

Councillor Derek Rowley, Sandwell's safer neighbourhoods chief, said: "The consultation has finished and we're going to press ahead with the speed tables and road humps. The works are in the pipeline and will begin after the Easter break.

"We had planned to make Drayton Road one way but we decided that part of the scheme was not viable.

"There has been a prostitution problem affecting the area and we are responding to a number of requests to carry out this work by police, local ward members and residents, to make this area a nicer place to live and work."

Abbey neighbourhood officer Sergeant Paul Shannaghan said the scheme would disrupt kerb-crawlers and make life better for residents.

Camera

He said the traffic measures would tie into police work in the area, including the use of a mobile CCTV camera.

Just under 40 per cent of all West Midlands' recorded prostitution offences were in Bearwood from February to November last year.

Sgt Shannaghan said when he joined the Bearwood policing team in 2008 there were 12 known prostitutes in the area, which had been reduced to two or three.

He said two prostitutes were given criminal anti-social behaviour orders at the end of last year.

There were another two prostitutes just one offence away from getting the orders.

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Hospice needs drivers

A HOSPICE serving Sandwell and Birmingham is looking for volunteer drivers in an attempt to save £10,0000 a year.

St Mary's Hospice is looking for 10 drivers to take patients to and from their homes, to the hospice in Selly Park, to reduce reliance on ambulances and taxis.

The initiative is part of a review of spending as the hospice faces increasing financial pressures. It has 18 volunteer drivers, some of whom have been with the organisation for more than 10 years.

Between them they are estimated to contribute over 4,000 hours per year, saving £32,365.

Cancer patient Olive Collins, aged 70, of Smethwick, said: "It's more than just a ride to the hospice, they come and collect you from your home and check that you're okay.

"If they didn't have these drivers I wouldn't be able to get to the hospice and it means a great deal to me.

The volunteer drivers collect patients from their homes in the morning and take them to Birmingham St Mary's Day Hospice in Selly Park. They take the patients home again at around 3pm.

Anyone who may be able to help is asked to phone (0121) 472 1191 for more information.

Darts team raise thousands

A CHARITY darts team from Sandwell has raised thousands of pounds for the air ambulance.

The Smethwick Labour Club Charity Darts Team was formed especially to raise funds for the charity and drummed up £3,700 in just three months' worth of matches from the end of last year to the start of this year from sponsors.

The team, based in Coopers Lane, has now set off on another tour of the West Midlands and has raised a further £1,500 from a second stint of matches.

Bernard Melvin, club captain, of Victoria Road, said: "We went round to various clubs and set up matches and raffles.

Match

"We're supporting the Air Ambulance because they have their headquarters near us in Oldbury."

To arrange a match against the charity team call Mr Melvin on 07837 690911.

Park and ride expanding at train station

PLANS for a £4 million development to more than double the size of park and ride at a Black Country station are back on track.

A scheme to create 480 new spaces at Rowley Regis are being revisited.

They were on hold due to lack of funding but passenger transport authority Centro says it is a "priority", and it has bought land off Station Road.

Mark Langford, of Centro, said: "The car parking at Rowley Regis train station is a priority development because we own the land.No set date is timetabled yet but redevelopment work will start later this year and then we will establish what work needs to be done and how much each part will cost."

Work at the station was due to start this financial year but was hit by cuts.Alongside those plans was a £1.2m extension of the Wednesbury Parkway Midland Metro stop, which would add 128 spaces on top of the 142 already in place.

Passengers had also hoped for more parking at Tame Bridge Parkway Midland Metro stop. All three station car parks are regularly full with passengers forced to park on the pavement.

Evaluation

Mr Langford said proposals for Wednesbury Parkway or Tame Bridge Parkway were "under evaluation".

"There are no plans drawn up for either station at the moment," he added.

Negotiations to buy land surrounding Wednesbury Parkway Midland Metro stop, on Leabrook Road, are still under way.

Centro bosses are also considering long-term options to expand the busy park and ride at Cradley Heath railway station in light of a new private development opposite. The former site of steel factory AS Rolling Mills is due to be transformed into 40 apartments but until the economic climate picks up Hagley-based Selbourne Homes has been given planning permission to turn the site into a 136-space parking spot for commuters using the train.

Woods warden appeal

REGULAR visitors to Warley Woods are being called upon to join a team of volunteers who patrol the park.

In high visibility jackets, the volunteers walk round the park during the evenings in spring and summer helping visitors to feel safer and to give them a point of contact with the Warley Woods Community Trust.

The volunteers go out in pairs for a couple of hours at a time.

Trust manager Viv Cole said: "Visitors asked if there could be a more visible staff presence in the park. We don't employ park wardens so we decided to set up this volunteer scheme.

"It is useful to have volunteers out on a regular basis who can talk to members of the public and keep their eyes and ears open for any problems."

Talk

She added: "The volunteers are there for park users to talk to. They are also there to talk to visitors about events visitors might be interested in."

The patrol scheme has been running for the past three years, and has 11 volunteers.

"It has been very successful," said Viv. "This is not a major commitment. We like our volunteers to do one patrol each week. We need people who know the park and use it regularly."

For more information call (0121) 4201061.

Bus lane

A BUSY lane is planned near busy Burnt Tree Island. The lane would be on the A461 Birmingham Road near the new multi-million Tesco superstore.

Dudley Council has launched consultation on the plan to coincide with £10m improvement work at the traffic island.

Nurses reveal worry over care of patients

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PATIENTS with learning difficulties are receiving substandard care at Sandwell General Hospital, health chiefs have been told.

Senior nurses told hospital trust board members they were "really concerned" about the quality of care.

Members heard delays in appointing new staff and a lack of expertise are affecting the level of service offered.

Debbie Talbot, assistant director of nursing at the Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, revealed the concerns in a presentation to the board.

She said: "There is no access to expertise in Sandwell. We have a learning disability post which is up in the air."

The trust runs City Hospital in Birmingham, Sandwell General and the Rowley Regis community hospital.

Facilities for people with learning difficulties at City Hospital were said to be good.

However, adult safeguarding nurse Diane Rhoden admitted: "We are really concerned about the Sandwell site."

In a discussion following the presentation, the trust's chief nurse Rachel Overfield said improvements needed to be made.

She said: "At Sandwell there is very little in terms of services. There are concerns over the appointment of a new post."

Dispute

Ms Overfield admitted there are proportionally more 'incidents' involving patients with a learning difficulty at Sandwell than at City Hospital.

Members also heard the appointment of a new staff member at Sandwell had been delayed in a dispute over the salary banding for the position.

The trust admits more than 130,000 patients every year across its three sites. Board members were told the number of patients admitted with a learning disability has risen for the last three years. In 2007-08 there were 389, rising to 447 in 2008-09, 588 in 2009-10 and 423 in the first nine months of 2010-11.

Boss who saved building society is to step down

THE man who rescued the West Bromwich Building Society from financial disaster and a possible break-up, Robert Sharpe. is to quit in the next six months.

He will be replaced as chief executive by deputy Jonathan Westhoff, who was brought in by Mr Sharpe as finance chief in 2009.

Mr Sharpe, credited with saving the West Brom from its massive losses in the depths of the credit crunch, said today: "The time is right for me to hand over to Jonathan."

The former boss of The Portman, Mr Sharpe had been in retirement after that society had merged with The Nationwide but was brought in by the West Brom when the scale of its growing losses from commercial property investments became apparent.

Basics

He led a "back to basics" strategy, returning the West Brom to dealing in home loans and savings, slashing the society's losses and negotiating a £182.5 million rescue deal with financial regulators.

The West Brom, which employs 800 staff and has 39 branches, said today that Mr Sharpe had told the board he intends to leave within the next six months.

He had achieved his main aims, of returning the society to a position of strength and putting a "high quality management team" in place.

Mr Sharpe said: "The results we have published over the last two years demonstrate the achievement of the first aim.

"The recruitment of Jonathan in 2009 was fundamental to the second aim. He has been instrumental in re-establishing the society's financial strength and has worked closely with me in shaping the society's back to basics strategy."

Library lends itself to skills

Shanda Reid at Wednesbury Library promoting the flower arranging course

FLOWERS can look even more fabulous thanks to a new course on offer at Wednesbury library this spring.

The library in Walsall Road kicks off its 10-week course on Tuesday, April 26, and visitors can also choose from computer courses, dressmaking and swing classes.

The flower arranging classes are priced £25 for the course and run on Tuesday afternoons between 4pm and 5.30pm.

Meanwhile, computer novices can learn more about technology with Computers Don't Byte. The course is free for those claiming Jobseekers Allowance and those who have to pay will be charged £25 for the eight week course. Courses begin on April 26 and 27.

Pampering

On May 11 parents can go along to free pampering sessions to pick up beauty tips between 1pm and 3pm. The sessions run on Wednesdays.

Anyone interested in details about all courses at the library should contact Shanda, Jayne or Lesley on 0121 502 6261.

Burglar stole from girlfriend's parents

A SERIAL Black Country criminal has been jailed for more than two years for burgling the home of his girlfriend's parents.

James Birch stole £400 cash from a locked bedroom while the couple, who had given permission for him to stay with their daughter, were away for the weekend, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told. The couple had left a key to the room hidden in a bag in the garage of the address in Tividale.

Prosecutor Mr Mark Phillips said: "Birch asked their daughter to go to the shop and while she was out he took the key, opened the bedroom door and took £400 of the £670 cash that had been left there.

"The couple had known him for three months and were aware of the fact that he had a criminal record but regarded him as a decent character."

Birch, aged 29, has written two letters of apology to the couple, the court was told.

Warned

Birch has a long history of offending including a seven-year jail sentence in 2004 for causing death by dangerous driving and other crimes.

He burgled the Tividale house in September last year after being warned he would be beaten up if he did not settle a £400 debt, said Mr Peter McCartney, defending.

Birch, of no fixed address, admitted burglary and was jailed for two years and five months.

Stroll and chat with PCs

POLICE officers are inviting residents to join them on a walk around Haden Hill Park, giving them the opportunity to chat about local issues, while enjoying the beauty of the nature trail. The next walk is on Saturday at 1pm, meeting at Haden Hill House. Call 0345 113 5000 extension 7919 6375 for more information.

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Students in the the costumes they will wear to try to climb Mount Snowdon in North Wales

Tall target for tethered tigers

FOUR schoolfriends will put their hands and heads together to raise cash for ill children.

The students, from Heathfield Foundation Technology College, Cradley Heath will try to climb Mount Snowdon, wearing tiger outfits and with their hands roped together on May 8.

Jordan Goodridge, aged 17, of Mincing Lane, Rowley Regis, will walk with friends Mitchell Whittle, 17, Charlotte Kirby, 18, and Charlie Kelly, 18. They have grown up with each other since Year 7 at the Wrights Lane school, Miss Goodridge said they hoped to raise as much as possible for children at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Miss Goodridge said they were in shape for the challenge.

"We've been told it would normally take about six hours to do but we think with our hands tied together it will take about eight hours, but we're ready for it," she added.

Visit the website www.justgiving.com/mountsnowdonwalk to donate.

Eyesore blocks to be torn down

A PAIR of eyesore tower blocks are set to be pulled down a year early to make way for new housing.

The 13-storey blocks at Bolton Court in Tipton were due to be demolished next year. but due to trespassers and health and safety fears they will be razed to the ground within weeks.

New homes will then be built on the site as part of a redevelopment of the area.

Sandwell's council leader Councillor Darren Cooper made an emergency decision to pull down the blocks last month. He said: "Because of the health and safety issues surrounding that block and people getting in there and messing about, we are going to demolish them as soon as possible.

"I am hoping it will be done within the month (April). It was due to be done some time next year.

"I have now approved it and I have asked officers to get on with it and bring them down.

"They are an eyesore, a blot on the landscape and they need to be pulled down.

"We are still liable for them and, despite the fact people might be trespassing on them by going in there in the first place, if they injure themselves it is our property and we are still liable.

"The best thing to do is pull them down as soon as possible."

The two 1960s tower blocks were recommended for demolition in a report by Sandwell Council chiefs in April last year.

Residents have been given compensation for the loss of their homes and disruption.

The Bolton Court development was constructed in the 1960s on the site of a former pumping station. The land had previously been a clay pit.

Approval has already been given to build 42 two-bedroom council flats on land at Bolton Court in Ocker Hill Road on land formerly occupied by 20 maisonettes.

Dozens of new council homes are set to be built in Tipton under revived plans submitted to Sandwell Council.

Council take on high calibre recruits for children's section

SIXTY workers have been recruited to turn around Sandwell Council's failing children and families department in the last year.

The recruitment drive came after chiefs announced 250 redundancies across the department, nearly half of the total jobs earmarked to go as the authority battles to save £75 million in four years.

Bosses said the calibre of new recruits was "vital" to deliver rapid improvements needed in the department. Job cuts will still be made in other areas but council chiefs insist this will not harm care.

Restructure

Councillor Bob Badham, cabinet member for children and families, said the new staff had allowed a full restructure of the service and led to the department's recent success in a surprise visit from Ofsted inspectors last month. He said: "It's been a mammoth task and there's still a long way to go but we are now moving forward."

"We've recruited social workers, senior managers and practioners and people for management roles and we have restructured the whole system, with recruitment accelerating in the last six months.

"Sandwell has got a plan to move children's services forward and professionals see us as an up-and-coming authority. We now hope we can become a rapidly improving authority."

Sue Ladkin from University College Birmingham, with pupils Aanisha Khan, Fiza Hussain, and Andrew Truong, all aged 10, at St Francis Xavier School

Pupils in cultural feast

YOUNGSTERS at an Oldbury school enjoyed a world food day event.

St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School in McKean Road held the event, getting pupils cooking and tasting foods from around the globe.

Senior secretary Mrs Maggie Marshall, said: "We have had activities in each year group and chefs have come in and we had parents helping out. All the children have been tasting different foods, making sandwiches and chapatis. Then in the afternoon all the parents were invited in and we had a tasting session."

The school also held a Fairtrade sale, with profits going to a partner school, St Stephens School in the Dahod district, India.

"Their teachers come to us and ours go to them and they trade ideas," added Mrs Marshall.

Council get back funds from bogus account

FRAUDSTERS who sent fake invoices to Sandwell Council nearly got away with tens of thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money before the con was spotted.

The authority received three bogus invoices fasking bank details of a supplier to be changed on a forged letter head. Before checking, the authority sent out £173,108.62 to the fraudulent account.

The details were revealed in a report to the members of the council's audit committee this week

Bosses said the money was recovered but the council had now implemented new rules that employees must double check with the supplier before changing bank details.

Internal auditors reported to the committee that there were increasing numbers of cases nationally where fraudsters sent out requests in the name of genuine suppliers in a bid to change account details so the crooks can get their hands on the money

The report added: "Unfortunately, just before Christmas, here at Sandwell we received a similar such fraudulent request which was initially actioned. Luckily this was quickly spotted and the funds were returned.

Police

"As a result of this near miss, the processes in place before bank account details are changed has been significantly strengthened. But as ever, we must always remain on our guard. The Counter Fraud Unit has met with the West Midlands Police to report and discuss this issue further."

Officials at the council must now contact suppliers in writing or by telephone before changing details and must keep a record of having done the check.

Council leader, councillor Darren Cooper said: "The council has not lost money to this scam and procedures are now in place to ensure this never happens again.

"This involved three invoices totalling £173,108.62 paid by Accounts Payable into what turned out to be a fraudulently set up bank account. The payments immediately bounced back into the council's account as the receiving account had been set up fraudulently.

"The invoices have since been paid into the genuine bank account."

Butcher John Russell, aged 67, who has retired after 37 years serving customers in Great Bridge

Butcher hangs up his apron

A BUTCHER who has been in business for almost four decades has hung up his apron.

John Russell from Hanson Russell Meats in Great Bridge has said goodbye to customers after 37 years in the town.

Mr Russell, aged 67, of Thornhill Grange, Streetly started the shop back in 1976. The father-of-two who has one grandson and is married to wife Doreen, 61, a retired senior manager at Walsall Hospital, said he has served generations of families since his time at the store.

He said: "The Great Bridge people made me very welcome and the customers became friends more than customers.

"I look back now and there are some people who came in and I remember serving their mother's."

Chairman

The shop is now on the market. Mr Russell will not be stopping work completely as he remains Chairman of Great Bridge Traders Association and also sits on the Fair Share Birmingham Foundation Committee.

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Art start as school marks its 150 years

AN artist has been working with pupils to create three pieces of art to begin celebrations marking a Sandwell school's 150th anniversary.

Darrell Wakelam, from Devon, has been working with different classes at St Martin's Primary School in Tipton.

The result is three stained-glass-window style pictures depicting the story of St Martin.

"It looks fantastic," said headteacher Sarah Bott. "He has built up a frame to make it look as if you're peering through a stained glass window.

"It will go in a prominent position in the school reception."

"It's a great way to start our celebrations."

Future events to mark the anniversary will include a mural made of pupils drawings, which will be put up outside the school, and a Victorian week. This is all due to start on May 16 and will include fancy dress plus Victorian-themed games and activities.

Artistic pupils, front, Ciaran Haverty, aged 11, Jordan Ryder 11, Ross Cash 10, with, back from left, Matthew Parkes 10, Jade Gibbs 11, Tiegan Glover 11, Megan Burbridge 10, Balraj Purewal 10, Tyler Sheil 10 and Simran Bains 11

Associates from Oldbury and Great Barr sentenced in VAT fraud

Bank boss jailed for role in £60m scam

A BANK manager from the Black Country has been jailed for five years for his part in a massive £60 million tax fraud.

Carl Harte from Manor Abbey Road, Halesowen, opened a bogus bank account to siphon off £3 million of the cash generated by the mobile phone VAT scam.

The 42-year-old bank special business relationship manager based at Barclays Bank in Hagley Road, Edgbaston, was locked up along with brother-in-law, businessman William Wright, 47, of Kings Norton, Birmingham, whose company Applied Services was used in the racket. He got three years behind bars.

Both were sentenced for money laundering.

Details of the scam can be revealed as a nine year investigation came to an end with the sentencing of the final member of the gang.

Sophisticated

Professional gambler Kuldip Singh Sander, 50, from Birmingham was jailed for seven years last week at Birmingham Crown Court for siphoning millions of pounds from the fraud through bank accounts.The sentencing triggered the lifting of reporting restrictions on the case that have been in force since 2006 and covered five trials, four at Northampton Crown Court and the other at Birmingham.

Judge Stephen Davis QC, told Sander: "You were part of a very substantial and sophisticated fraud and £8m was laundered through these accounts never to be seen again."

Stephen Farrell from Warley Road, Oldbury, who ran two firms, Bluestar Communications and Solec Ltd, which were used to handle a further £5m from the racket, received a two year prison term after admitting a similar offence.

The gang recruited corrupt customs officer Enda Moen from Northern Ireland to help the complex multi-million pound fraud. It involved mobile phones and computer chips being bought abroad, where they are free of VAT, before being sold in this country with VAT added and the crooks pocketing the difference.

Numerous false VAT registered companies were set up along with bogus bank accounts in the sophisticated scam that was smashed after one of the biggest operations involving Revenue and Customs officials.

Investigators followed a paper trail of businesses based throughout the UK and elsewhere in Europe. A 200-strong customs team made a string of raids in 2002 resulting in the arrest of 17 people, 11 of whom were from the West Midlands.

They have now been jailed for a total of nearly 60 years.

Money generated by the fraud paid for a champagne lifestyle for some of the fraudsters.

Adrian Farley, assistant director for HM Revenue and Customs, said: "This was not some kind of victimless crime but organised fraud on a massive scale perpetrated by criminals all bent on making fast and easy profits at the expense of the British taxpayer.

"This type of fraud is not merely a paper fraud but often links to other forms of criminal activity, such as drug smuggling and violent crime."

The court heard Farrell had run his businesses with Philip Harris, 65, of Ferndale Road, Sutton Coldfield, who was sentenced to two and a half years in prison. The pair worked together.

Cash

David Dwyer, formerly of Goodrest Lane, Kings Norton, but later of Langford Avenue, Great Barr, was sentenced to four years in prison after being convicted of money laundering. Dwyer ran a company called Aslan Creations which received substantial cash payments of up to £170,000.

Brian Tucker, 57, of Dyas Road, Great Barr, was jailed for three years for money laundering as part of the scam.

A confiscation hearing where customs officials will attempt to recover money laundered by Sander will be held later this year.

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Backpackers' 'bible' snubs Black Country

THE Black Country Living Museum has bitten back at the latest edition of the 'backpackers' bible' – The Lonely Planet's Travel Guide – accusing the authors of getting their facts wrong and overlooking the region's other attractions.

Hackles were raised in the region when the Dudley-based attraction was the only place in the Black Country highlighted by the guide as being worth "swinging by" for a visit.

It described the attraction as "a perfect recreation of a 19th century mining village, inhabited by a cast of characters in period costume."

Whilst the museum, which attracts over 300,000 visitors a year, was pleased to be recognised by the guide, museum bosses are disappointed that lots of other attractions in the area have been snubbed.

The museum has accused the authors of failing to do their homework properly. Museum director and chief executive Andrew Lovett said: "Whilst it's great that the museum has been recognised in this way, the book's authors have failed to do their homework, omitting a whole host of regional heritage gems from its 'must visit' hit list and by getting vital information about the museum wrong.

"The Black Country Living Museum illustrates life in the Black Country and a recreated early 20th canalside village, not a 19th century coal mining village, lies at the heart of the museum.

"On our doorstep we have many heritage gems which deserve a mention, including Dudley Zoo, which not only has hundreds of animals but has the single largest collection of modernist Tecton structures in the world.

"There's also the 11th Century Dudley Castle, Wolverhampton Art Gallery, New Art Gallery, Walsall, and sites of scientific importance including the Limestone Caverns and Wrens Nest Nature Reserve."

The recently launched 'Discover Dudley' website describes the borough as being packed full of great places to visit.

Tourism

And there is Sandwell Valley. Haden Hill House and the Tudor Oak House and the controversial but certainly strikingly modern arts centre The Public in West Bromwich town centre.

James Morris, MP for Halesowen and Rowley Regis, who recently toured the Black Country Living Museum during British Tourism Week to highlight the importance of tourism to the region, said: "It's very disappointing to see all Visit Britain's good work undone in this way.

"It does make you wonder whether the book's authors have ever actually visited the Black Country."

Mr Lovett added: "The first ever Ordnance Survey maps to include 'The Black Country' rolled off the presses in 2009.

"I'd like to invite the Lonely Planet's authors to visit the region in person and help us put the Black Country firmly on the tourism map."

A spokesman said the authors of the Lonely Planet's Travel Guide did not wish to comment upon the museum's comments. He said they had visited Wolverhampton while researching the guide.

Museum plans royal street party

THE Black Country Living Museum is planning a right Royal knees up to celebrate the marriage of Prince William to Catherine Middleton on Friday, April 29.

The canalside village will be transformed into a riot of red, white and blue for one of Britain's most unusual street parties. Bunting will be draped across the houses and cottages in the historic 1900s village and traditional party treats will be on the menu for those who wish to join in the ticket-only buffet.

Numbers are limited but street entertainment, sing-alongs, crafts and face-painting ensure a community spirit that is boundless. Flag waving revellers are invited to watch a live broadcast of the fairytale wedding on a big screen in the museum's park.

Tickets to the museum costs £13.60 for adults, £11 seniors, £7.10 youngsters (5-16) and free admission for under-5s. Pre-purchased tickets for the street party lunch cost £2 each. Call (0121) 520 8054.

Nicholas Hanney and deputy mayor Joyce Underhill launch the support group

Support group for families

A GROUP to support families of children with a much-misunderstood condition has been launched in Sandwell after securing £10,000 of lottery cash.

The Sandwell ADHD Support Group will meet at St Alban's Community Association in St Albans Road, Smethwick, twice a week. It has been set up by father-of-four Nicholas Hanney, whose nine-year-old son Kenneth suffers from attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, characterised by a short attention span.

Mr Hanney, a 40-year-old full-time carer, said the group would provide advice and support for families.

Naughty

Mr Hanney, of St Stephens Road, West Bromwich, said: "ADHD is very misunderstood, people just assume the children are naughty or the parents are bad. I wanted to set the group up so people out there know they are not alone."

The group was launched by Sandwell deputy mayor Councillor Joyce Underhill.

Drop-in sessions will take place at the community association every Wednesday and Friday from 9am until 2pm.

Get fit and find inner peace

Tai chi instructor Vasu Patel with students outside Farley Park Lodge

WOMEN in Sandwell can get fit with the help of two new classes.

Sandwell Leisure Trust is running an aerobics class from 9.30-10.30am every week, which started last week.

It is also promoting a tai chi class from 12.30-1.30pm every week.

Both sessions cost £1.50 and will take place at Farley Park Lodge, in Whitehall Road, West Bromwich.

The new classes, held in partnership with Great Bridge Community Forum, are being introduced as part of the Sandwell Active Women project.

Trust activity officer Lisa Rashid said: "These sessions we're putting on give women the opportunity to participate in physical activity in a friendly environment.

"The sessions will also go towards your recommended 30 minutes of physical activity five times a week."

For more information on the classes contact Lisa. She is available on (0121) 506 4980.

Pool hall call

TEENAGERS have petitioned Sandwell Council in support of an application to open a pool hall in Smethwick. Jamila Shaine has applied to open the business at Cape Hill.

A consultation period is under way with responses due by April 20.

Caption correction

A PHOTOGRAPH on page 17 of last week's edition of The Chronicle was of Doreen Harding pictured with her brother George on Doreen's wedding day in 1951, not with her husband Ted as was reported.

Building new opportunities

THE regeneration of West Bromwich's Lyng estate has given three teenagers apprenticeships. Louis Beardsmore from Wednesbury and Kieran Baker of West Bromwich have joined the Barratt West Midlands team on the Lyng as apprentice carpenters, where Ashley Williamson of Tipton is learning the trade of a bricklayer. The three are the first of at least 20 full-time paid apprenticeships to be created during the life of the project, a partnership between Lyng Community Association, Barratt WM and Sandwell Council.

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Fairy finding – pupils Lewis Mannion and Blessing Osazuwa, both aged 10

Youngsters tell fairy tales

YOUNGSTERS at an Oldbury school recreated a set of famous 'fairy' photographs, as part of a project.

Pupils at St James's Church of England Primary School in Wolverley Crescent have been learning about the Cottingley Fairies.

Now they have now used photography, drama and English to bring the story back to life.

Year five literacy teacher Paul Marks said: "The children from their point of view have managed to capture images of fairies in the forest area of the school. In looking at the Cottingley Fairies the children decided to revisit that experience and write a fictitious recount of it.

"Children also created images, used photography and drama to revisit the story."

During the First World War two young sisters living in Cottingley, near Bradford, produced famous photographs which apparently showed them playing with fairies.

It provoked a debate about whether or not they were real but decades later in the 1980s one of the sisters confirmed they were a hoax.

Town is candidate for enterprise zone

WEST Bromwich is one of six areas of the Black Country earmarked as a possible site for a new tax-break Enterprise Zone.

The list of sites, which includes the town centre of West Bromwich, is set to go before council and business leaders later this month to decide on a final choice to put before the Government.

Castle

The other areas are part of Darlaston including the IMI site, Wolverhampton's i54 business park, Harts Hill and Castle Hill in Dudley, and Brinsford in South Staffordshire.

The zones offer a five-year business rate holiday, superfast broadband and relaxed planning rules for firms that open up and create jobs.

The Government announced 21 Enterprise Zones in the Budget.

Metal firm moves production north

A SCOTTISH metal firm that moved into Sandwell in the 1990s because it was impressed with the borough's regeneration could soon be leaving.

Multi Metals, on the Richardson-Parkway park alongside the Black Country New Road, between Tipton and Wednesbury, has already moved its production wing to Sheffield, which resulted in eight job losses, though some workers were found other work with the company.

Now it could move the remaining sales operation out of the borough, putting 12 jobs at risk.

Paul Woodhouse, facilities manager at the firm, said: "We have moved production out of the site to Sheffield as part of the change. We have put the site up for let and that is just being used as a sales hub at the moment.

"We remain committed to having a locally based sales team and are currently seeking to relocate the sales teams to alternative local office facilities, if possible."

Residents' call for cameras rejected

SANDWELL Council's safety boss Derek Rowley has decided to take no action over a petition calling for CCTV cameras to be installed on a Wednesbury housing estate.

Residents in Monarchs Gate in Holyhead Road had handed in a 100-name petition. They called for CCTV to stop burglaries, claiming crime had increased.

But a report to council stated that from January 2010 tol Januar, 2011, there were no incidents of crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour in Monarchs Gate.

Cell doors shut forever at old nick

THE cell doors at West Bromwich police station have closed for good, ahead of a move to a new £10 million building.

The new station, on the corner of Bowater Street and Moor Street, does not have cells. Instead criminals will be dealt with at Smethwick police station.

The new police station has been built by Tesco and the existing station will be knocked down and the site redeveloped as part of a £200 million regeneration of the town centre.

Police authority member Councillor Keith Davies said the custody suite will now be at Smethwick but Wednesbury would be be used if required.

Work on the new station began last April and workers are completing finishing touches inside the building.

Glass

The three-storey, terracotta and glass structure will have 340 officers based at it when it opens in the summer.

Once officers have transferred, work on the 37-acre shopping and leisure complex will start.

It includes a Tesco Extra store, shops, restaurant and a cinema, along with a 70-bedroom hotel, 217,000 sq ft of high street shops, car parking and a public area.

The workers, including Chris Cory, front, at BHJ Protein Foods, in Tipton, had their heads shaved

Hair raising venture to help dreams come true

A TIPTON factory worker was so moved by the work of a Wolverhampton charity that he encouraged six of his colleagues at BHJ Protein Foods to join him in having their heads shaved to raise funds.

Chris Cory, of Swan Croft, heard of the charity Promise Dreams on the radio, and was taken aback by the heart-wrenching stories of the children it helps.

The charity raises money for children who are seriously or terminally ill, and helps to fulfil their dreams.

Lucky

Mr Cory said: "Being a dad myself it really makes you think about how lucky you are."

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Mr Cory, aged 46, added: "It was really good fun."

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Takeaway anger over zero ratings

ELEVEN takeaways in Sandwell scored the lowest possible rating for hygiene on their most recent inspection.

They got zero in the five star ratings, which means inspectors deem urgent improvement necessary. The ratings have been made publicly available on a new website run by the Food Standards Agency.

But angry takeaway bosses have hit out, claiming the website has not been updated even when subsequent inspections found improvements had been made.

Outlets scoring zero on their most recent inspection in January included Hajee's Fish and Chips, Cape Hill, Smethwick, and Chaps Pizza, Vicarage Road, Oldbury.

Another outlet to get the lowest rating when it was inspected last month was Number 1 Pizza, High Street, West Bromwich.

Immediately

But manager Ahmed Jasari said: "The inspectors came on a day when we were very busy.

"There was some flour on the floor and some rubbish in an alley at the back which was not from our shop. I immediately closed the shop, cleaned it myself and reopened. The inspectors have come back twice since and said things have improved but the website has not been updated."

Other outlets where staff claim matters had improved since being rated zero were Danny's Pizza & Kebab House, Londonderry Lane, Smethwick, and Michael Supermarket Long Lane, Rowley Regis.

Others with the lowest rating were: Kebab Grill, High Street, West Bromwich; Dixi Express, Oldbury Road; Oceana Fish Bar Ltd, High Street; Steven's Bakery, High Street; Waterloo Fish & Chip Shop, Waterloo Road, all Smethwick and China Delight, Graingers Lane, Cradley Heath.

Dancing to raise funds

Front from left, Abbie Marks 13, Jade Jarrett 16, Katie Marks,16 and Nicole Smith, 11

DANCE troupes, pool and darts competitions and DJs will provide the entertainment at a fundraiser for victims of a vandal attack at a Smethwick cemetery.

The charity night will be held at Smethwick Cricket Club on May 13. All the proceeds will be donated to help the families whose loved ones' gravestones were damaged on March 2 at Thimblemill Cemetery.

Many of the headstones were worth thousands of pounds.

The night is the brainchild of 16-year-old dancer Jade Jarrett, the daughter of club member Debbie. The club, on The Uplands, will host troupes from Bristnall Hall Technology College and Animations Dance School with Second City Music providing DJs, equipment and a light show freet.

The club's pool team will run a competition with visitors asked to flick 50ps into a bucket for every ball they pot on the night for the cause, and the darts team will invite rivals to the event for a showpiece match.

Jason Griffiths, aged 40, of Oxford, has been remanded in custody after being charged with causing £100,000 worth of damage to the headstones.

Boxing clever to help bats

BAT boxes have been installed in West Bromwich's oldest building in a bid to protect them.

Bosses at 13th century Manor House took the decision to look after the bats, which are frequently found in the roof of the Grade I listed building.

Development officer Rachel Smith said the conservation work would tie in with other projects.

"We know we do have some problems with bats so we've put some bat boxes in to protect them," she said.

"We're keen to protect wildlife and we're planning to look after the newts that have sprung up at the moat too."

A newt home is being constructed within the moat at the Hall Green Road house to protect them from herons.

Ducks and dragonflies already call the moat their home but frog and newt spawn has recently sprung up. Work will start on the home on May 14.

Bosses will meet lottery chiefs to discuss a bid for £2 million funding. There are plans to bring the site back to life as a heritage centre, museum and wedding venue.

Baggies questions

TWO West Bromwich Albion stars will field questions at the Banks's Football Forum. Winger Chris Brunt and defender Steven Reid will be at West Bromwich Labour Club, Sandwell Road, on Thursday from 7.30pm.

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At Wednesbury fire station are, from left, watch manager John Williams, trust assistant team leader Samantha Gregory, trust team leader Tracey Powell, students Jessie James and, front, Fiona Butler and Hallima Kosar

Firefighters help students

YOUNG people are being given a lift thanks to the support of the West Midlands Fire Service.

The service has teamed up with the Prince's Trust to offer 21 youngsters the chance to learn skills which will help them gain employment. The 12-week course, titled Team, is being run at Wednesbury fire station in King Street and started last week.

Tipton Firefighter Lawrence Bowbanks said: "The Prince's Trust and West Midlands Fire Service are committed to helping young people who are not in education or training and arming them with the qualifications and qualities they need to improve their future.

"Both organisations see this as the start of a long and fruitful relationship which will benefit many hundreds of people over the coming years."

To find out more, visit the www.princes-trust.org.uk/team website or call 0800 842 842.

Minister says train services could double

THE Black Country could get more trrain services if the controversial high-speed route rail route goea ahead, according to a Government minister.

Transport Secretary Philip Hammond said the initial phase of the £32 billion HS2 scheme from London to Birmingham would free-up capacity on the West Coast Mainline which serves Sandwell, Dudley and Wolverhampton.

He claimed there would be a significant increase in commuter, regional and freight services.

Some 11 extra services would run on the line every hour, he said, meaning thousands of extra seats, fewer crowded trains and a more reliable, quicker, frequent service for commuters in rush hour.

It could even mean cheaper fares.

Direct services from Lichfield Trent Valley to London Euston would increase from 15 to 27.

Mr Hammond said: "Our proposed new high speed rail network would free up a huge amount of space on current railways for more trains to operate. Building a whole new line would create scope for people who live near the current stations to get more frequent services that are less crowded. I would also hope that this additional competition could mean cheaper fares.

London

"Passengers in some towns could see a near doubling in the number of trains from their station to London."

Anti-HS2 campaigners have questioned whether the controversial route through the West Midlands is necessary. HS2 Action Alliance believes passenger capacity can be increased by around 135 per cent by making better use of existing track.

Many Midlands universities to charge maximum £9,000

AT LEAST a third of all universities in the West Midlands will be charging students £9,000 a year from next year, with the rest due to make an announcement on fees in the next couple of weeks.

Birmingham, Warwick and Aston universities have decided that they will be charging the increased rate of £9,000.

Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, Birmingham City, Keele and Worcester are due to announce how much they will set fees at over the next few weeks. Coventry has said its fees will be between £4,600 and £9,000.

All universities must submit their plans to the Office for Fair Access before the end of April.

It was revealed last week that Derby University will buck the trend of charging students £9,000 by setting fees at less than £7,500 for the majority of its courses.

Majority

Derby's announcement will be a boost for the Government which has based its future funding of universities on the assumption most will charge around £7,500.

The majority of universities nationwide are sticking to around £9,000, with the elite institutions leading the way.

Around 25 English universities have declared their intended fee levels for next year.

Raising money for Japan – pupils including, from left, Andrew Jones, aged 15, Hannah Gamble, 15, Selina Chahal, 14, and Jordan Tristram, 15, at the Wodensborough Community Technology College in Wednesbury

Quake fundraiser

STALLS were set up, games played and donations were made at a Wednesbury school fundraising event which raised more than £500 to help survivors of the Japanese earthquake and tsunami.

Pupils and teachers from the humanities department at Wodensborough Community Technology College organised the event held during school breaks and social education lessons.

Pupils held a tombola, raffle and auction as well as organising games to raise funds at the Hydes Road school. Tasty treats which had been baked by teachers and pupils to sell for the occasion.

School business manager Lesley Wheeler said: "The mayor came to visit the event and spent two hours looking round and talking to pupils. It was a very successful event."

The school raised £564 in total.

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Borough one of the worst places for school truancy

TRUANCY in schools across the West Midlands is getting worse, with more youngsters skipping classes, official figures reveal.

According to the figures released by the Department for Education, Sandwell was among the worst areas.

A total of 1.82 per cent of half days were missed through unauthorised absences, up from 1.71 per cent in 2008/2009. The national average is 1.04 per cent

In Wolverhampton, pupils skipped 1.27 per cent of sessions, an increase from 1.20 per cent the year before. In Dudley, the truancy rate was 1.32 per cent, up from 1.29 per cent. Walsall's unauthorised absence figure was 1.03 per cent, up slightly from 1.01 per cent the year before.

Holidays

Nationally, the unauthorised absence rate decreased to 1.04 per cent from 1.05 per cent in 2008/09. But this is still a big increase on 1996-97, when the truancy rate was 0.73 per cent.

The figures showed unauthorised absences in state primary schools reached record levels last year. Term-time holidays were blamed for the rising trend.

Pub gone

A SMETHWICK pub hit by arsonists has been demolished. The Falcon in Messenger Road, which was already earmarked for demolition, has been pulled down. The site is to be used for housing under the £84 million Windmill Eye regeneration scheme, will see around 750 homes built.

Hoard tours

BOOKINGS are being taken for a tour offering a behind the scenes look at Staffordshire Hoard conservation work at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. People can book places on tours scheduled for May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2 and December 7, priced £20. Call (0121) 303 1966.

New block aims to offer businesses affordable offices

A £2.6 million office block in Oldbury set to provide short term office space for businesses is taking shape.

The new business centre will transform the site of a former petrol station at the corner of McKean Road and Bromford Road.

The centre, next to Sandwell and Dudley train station, will provide 68 small office units for new and existing businesses, with room for up to 200 people in total.

Sandwell Council has joined forces with Pure Offices which will fund and deliver the project, due to open in October.

Nick Smith, of Pure Offices, said: "We've got the roof on and the floor in so progress has been good.

"We're on schedule for construction to be finished in September before the October opening."

The company specialises in providing 'easy in – easy out' office space for start up businesses.

It is hoped that offering low overheads will give small businesses in the area an opportunity to grow in the difficult financial climate.

The scheme will also support local businesses before it is completed next year, with a commitment by site contractor Barnwood Construction to recruit subcontractors and source materials in the Sandwell area.

Modern

Mr Smith added: "We'll soon begin to start recruiting for a manager and we will be recruiting locally and construction has already created some apprenticeships.

"We will have some start-ups and some existing businesses moving in we think, because of the more modern facilities and telecommunications we will have available, and the transport links next to Sandwell and Dudley train station."

Councillor Ian Jones, the borough's jobs chief, welcomed the opportunity for business in the borough.

Permission for the site was granted in February. Businesses will be able to rent offices by the month.

Dhol and Brass band members Dan Watson, James Nessfield, Sam Wooster and Manish Bhardway with students Kenneth Newman, Paulo Vaz and Lakeisha Gayle-Brown

World cultures celebrated

HUNDREDS of students at Sandwell College gathered to celebrate cultures from across the globe.

Learners from the college's West Bromwich and Oldbury campuses joined fellow students at the Smethwick campus, where they were greeted by a steel pan player on arrival, for the One:World event.

African and Dohl drummers, belly dancers and rappers took to the stage in the main hall for three hours while demonstrations of nail art took place in the common room.

Sandwell College Student Union President Lakeisha Gayle-Brown helped staff from the Student Liaison Team organise the celebration, where students are encouraged to dress in their national costume and show talents.

Former amateur snooker champion dies

Bernard Carter who has died aged 89

TRIBUTES have been paid to a former West Midlands amateur snooker champion who has died aged 89.

Bernard 'Bunny' Carter played alongside stars of the green baize such as Ray Reardon, Dennis Taylor and Alex 'Hurricane' Higgins and was a lifelong member of Wednesbury Conservative Club's snooker team.

He died on March 22 after becoming ill with bowel cancer.

Born and bred in Wednesbury, Bernard was one of four children. Just 4ft 11in tall, he was was nicknamed 'Bunny' because of his height.

His brother George Carter, aged 87, who now lives in Devon, said: "Bernard was a very well known snooker player who became West Midlands amateur champion and played against some of the big names – Ray Reardon, Dennis Taylor, Alex 'Hurricane' Higgins."

He was winner of the West Midlands Amateur Snooker Championship in the 1946/47 season and winner of the Wolverhampton Amateur Snooker Championship in the 1950 season.

Mr Carter attended St Mary's Catholic School and left aged 14to become a hairdresser but left the trade to go into the steel industry, working at Woodhouse and Rixon Ltd. A bachelor, he had four nephews and one niece.

His great nephew David Morley added: "Back in the day he used to go and play snooker three, maybe four times a week and possibly weekends as well. He was such a quiet shy man."

Mr Carter's funeral was at St Mary's Church in Wednesbury before burial at Fallings Heath Cemetery.

Property shop is on the move

A HOUSING office that advertises council properties to rent is closing to save cash.

Consolidating West Bromwich Property Shop and merging it with another town office will save Sandwell Homes £50,000.

The decision comes months after the Wednesbury property shop closed and reopened at the Wednesbury Housing Service Centre in January. This move saved Sandwell Homes, which manages and maintains the borough council's homes, £22,250 a year in rent and overheads.

The decision to close the shops was made following a customer review.

The existing West Bromwich property shop in Kings Square, West Bromwich, will be closing tomorrow, Friday. Three days later the service will reopen at Court House Services Centre, currently used by tenants to pay rent and council tax and report required repairs.

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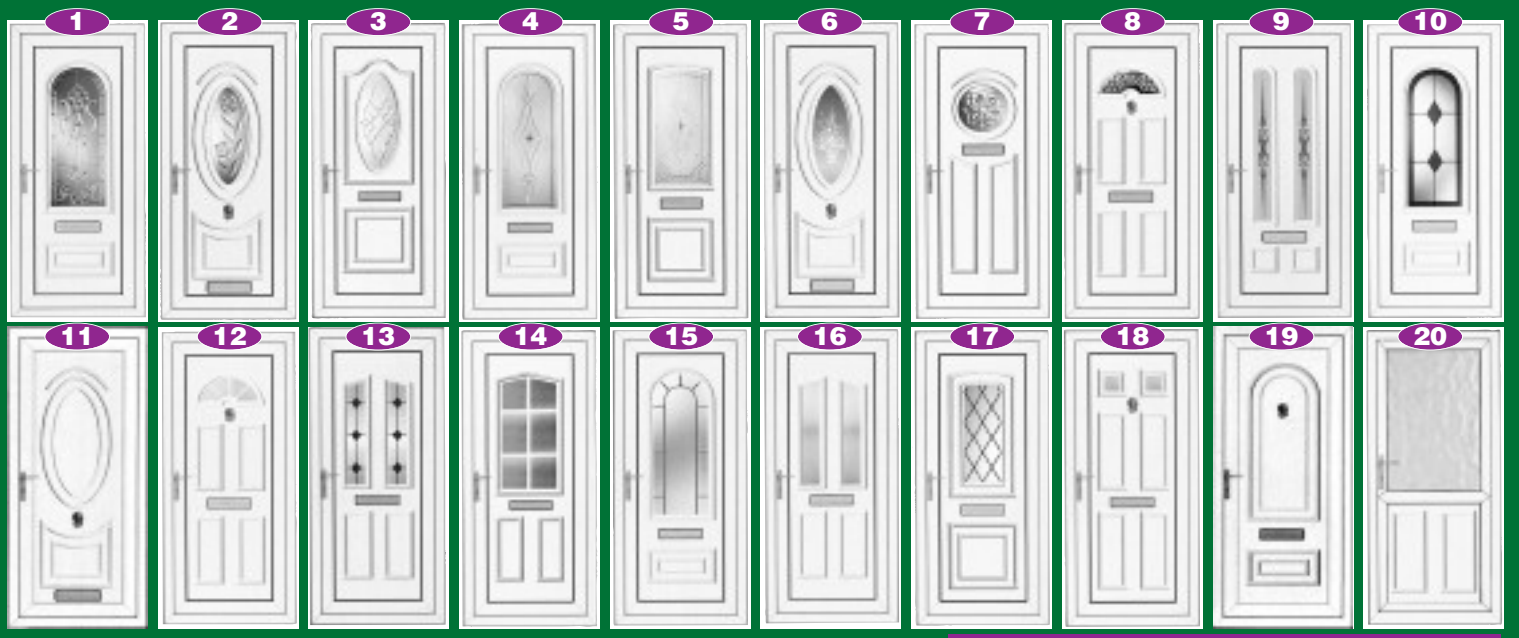

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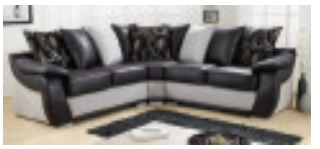

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Jet off to see those champions of the air

The spectacular Tornado is always popular

ORGANISERS of one of the country's top aviation events, which attracts thousands of visitors every year, are set to welcome many champions of the air to the 2011 extravaganza.

Cosford Air Show will take place on Sunday, June 12 this year at RAF Cosford on the Shropshire/Staffordshire border and the line-up for one of the longest RAF flying displays in the UK is now coming together.

Organisers have teamed up with the Chronicle series to offer 15 readers the chance to win a pair of tickets.

At the show every display is built round the regular appearance of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight of Lancaster bomber, Spitfire and Hurricane and the Red Arrows aerobatics team – both of which are already booked for this year.

The rest of the programme ranges from pre-war machines to the latest combat aircraft like the Typhoon.

The only Vulcan aircraft left flying in the world will be setting hearts racing at this year's Cosford Air Show. The iconic aircraft, which is one of the most popular examples of British aerospace engineering, is lined up for the show. In 2010 more than a million people watched the last airworthy Avro Vulcan fly.

Norman Branagh, Air Show Co-ordinator, said: "Each year we try to bring in different aircraft to entertain the crowds, along with the favourites that people turn out to see year on year.

"For 2011 we have a few surprises up our sleeves for the aviation enthusiasts and will again be working to provide jaw-dropping performances from a variety of aerobatic display teams.

"Every year the proceeds of the event, which never fails to provide a great day of entertainment for all involved, go to RAF and local charities."

Watch the fantastic feats of the Red arrows

Bands

Cosford Air Show is renowned for the exposure it provides for historic aircraft and the amazing feats provided annually by the modern flyers.

And as well as the excitement in the air the thousands of visitors will also be able to enjoy non-stop entertainment on the ground with a funfair, craft fair, market and aircraft exhibitions, RAF training displays and military bands – as well as entry to the RAF museum.

The Large Model Association will be back to entertain the crowds with an aircraft display of their own to kick-start the activities.

Full information on the show is at the show web site – www.cosfordairshow.co.uk – or is available on the show information line at 0844 561 1897.

Advance tickets are now available at £19 from the Cosford Air Show ticket line on 0871 230 1083 or at www.seetickets.com and children under 16 get free entry as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Tickets are £25 on the gate.

Postal bookings should be received on or before June 5, 2011, and all major credit cards are accepted on the 24-hour Cosford Air Show Ticket Line on 0871 230 1083.

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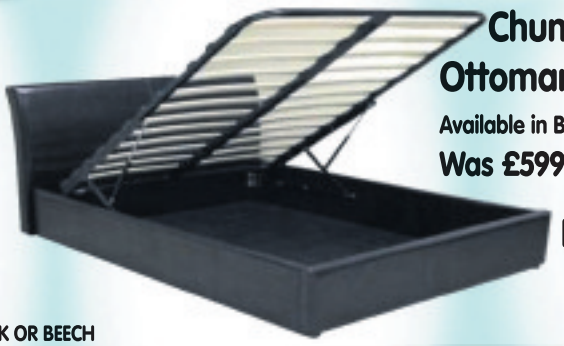

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Gardener Chris Collins, with front from left, Ellie Flute, Shreah Bargota, middle, Taryn Rutter, Tori Greatrex and Peter Fogarty, all aged nine

Chris helps garden bloom

A BLUE PETER star dropped in at a Sandwell school to help pupils create a picture perfect garden.

Chris Collins dug in and got his hands dirty at St Paul's CofE Primary School, Tipton. Pupils had designed the garden themselves, entering the Plantforlife sensory challenge.

They were tasked with creating a design which included elements of sound, taste, sight, smell and touch.

Mr Collins judged all the entries and chose five winners including St Paul's.

Their prize was for the 21 children aged eight and nine who had designed the garden to spend yesterday building it with the TV gardener.

Mr Collins said: "We have had a fabulous day. When we arrived it was just a piece of grass. The children have now put in a path, been mixing concrete and putting down the liner for the foot pool. We have then laid out all the plants and the children have planted them into the ground, they then covered the beds with bark.

He added: "This is completely their design. This is all about get children into the garden and learning about and enjoying gardening."

Council switched on to TV service

A TV service is set to be launched by Sandwell Ccouncil.

It is putting the finishing touches to its Looking Local programme which will allow people access to information from the comfort of their armchair.

Looking Local lets Sky and Virgin viewers select their council from a list and view information on services from tax and education to rubbish and transport.

Freeview viewers with a broadband connection can also access the channel, which means it will be available to half of homes.

The council plans to trial the scheme for eight months, starting next month. It will cost the council £15,000 to set up.

In a report, council efficiency chief Melanie Dudley, said: "The digital switchover has begun and will progress until all homes have access to digital TV.

"This gives Sandwell an opportunity to provide information about council services to people who do not have internet or PC access or the confidence to use it, but are happy to do so via a TV and remote control.

Greatest

"Services can also be accessed by mobile phones, resulting in very few people being excluded."

Looking Local services areprovided by Birmingham City Council, which gets 25,000 hits per week and Dudley Council, which gets 10,000 visitors each week.

Ms Dudley said: "The site has greatest impact for the elderly, residents with mobility problems, those who do not have PCs or those who do not have the confidence to use a computer."

It will be available to people in Sandwell from next month if councillors approve the scheme at a meeting next week.

Looking Local services are currently provided by 90 other councils around the country.

It is available on Sky Channel 539 by pressing the red button while Virgin customers should press the interactive button and select 'News and Info'.

Security camera plea No

SANDWELL Council's safety boss Derek Rowley has decided to take no action over a petition calling for CCTV to be installed on a Wednesbury housing estate.

Residents in Monarchs Gate in Holyhead Road had handed in a 100-name petition.

They demanded CCTV to stop burglaries, claiming crime had increased.

But a report to council stated that from January 1, 2010, until January 31, 2011, there were no incidents of crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour in Monarchs Gate.

MPs learn about domestic violence

TWO MPs toured a centre for domestic violence in the Black Country to learn about the work of the service. James Morris, the Conservative MP for Halesowen and Rowley Regis, was joined by Cabinet Office Minister Francis Maude for the visit to Sandwell Women's Aid.

The MPs discussed how £100,000 given to the centre under David Cameron's Big Society initiative will be spent. Mr Morris said: "They do a great job in providing a much-needed service in the area."

Sara Ward, executive director of the charity, said: "This money will be an opportunity for us to invest in the future of the organisation to ensure we can offer the best services for vulnerable victims for another 25 years."

Longbridge Pride display to mark MC Rover closure

AN EVENT to mark the sixth anniversary of the closure of the MG Rover plant in Longbridge will be held onSaturday. The Pride of Longbridge will be at Cofton Park on between 10am and 4pm.

Organised jointly by the Austin Federation and the Rover Community Action Trust the free event welcomes all vehicles which have a connection with Longbridge to display their vehicle.

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Nancy, 108, gives marathon support

A 108-YEAR-OLD is supporting her great nephew in his marathon challenge to raise money and awareness for an issue close to the family's hearts.

Nancy Corrie is giving Warren Haynes, aged 42, her moral support as he tackles the London Marathon next weekend.

The father-of-two, who is originally from Tipton, got involved with the Alzheimer's Society after his wife Kerry's grandmother Marjorie died last October. He hopes to raise £5,000.

Nancy, a former Salters Springs worker, who was born in Cape Hill, Smethwick, will watch the race on television on Sunday.

She had lived at Dingle Meadow Care Home, Oldbury, since her husband Ernie died around 30 years ago.

Mr Haynes, of Bishops Wood, near Telford, said: "She is an active lady and it'll be nice to think she is cheering me on.

Sponsor

"I wanted to honour her support, and also the fact she has reached such a great age."

To sponsor Mr Haynes, who works as a purchasing manager for West Bromwich-based construction firm Anglo Holt, call 01384 295355 or visit www.justgiving. com /Warren-Haynes

Nancy Corrie, aged 108, who is supporting great nephew Warren Haynes

Great-gran wins £25,000 after fall

A GREAT grandmother from West Bromwich who was left housebound for six months after she fell on a bus has been awarded a £25,000 payout.

Doreen Tyler, aged 82, said she suffered head injuries when she was thrown into a supporting pole then onto the floor as she tried to get off a Diamond Bus on March 10, 2009.

She had stood up to get off the bus in Carisbrooke Road, Wednesbury, when it pulled away.

She said the driver braked suddenly when he realised she was still on board and she fell to the ground. The grandmother-of-four said she suffered cuts to her head and the trauma also caused drop foot, a brain injury which makes walking awkward and painful.

She said she did not feel well enough to leave her home for six months as she recovered from her injuries.

This week Mrs Tyler, who still has difficulty moving, was paid the sum by Diamond, of Hallbridge Way, Warley, in an out of court settlement after she took legal advice.

Mrs Tyler, who retired aged 70 but still volunteers at the British Heart Foundation charity shop in West Bromwich, said: "The accident really knocked me for six.

Sprightly

"I now have trouble getting around my own home and had to make adaptations such as a special chair and aids to help me get in and out of the bath.

"I was really sprightly for my age before the accident and didn't need any of these mobility aids."

Walsall-based Bradin Trubshaw Solicitors represented Mrs Tyler.

Sam Myatt, who handled the case, said: "I'm pleased we have helped her to achieve the damages she deserves."

Mrs Tyler added: "It really isn't about the money. I'd much rather still have full use of my leg again."

Diamond Bus declined to comment.

Eyes down for lucky house

IT could be a four-leaf clover, rabbit's foot charm or even the same lucky dobber – whatever the reason, women at one bingo hall have cracked the secret of keeping lady luck at their door.

Mecca Oldbury is the luckiest club in the Black Country, paying out more than £4 million in prizes last year.

It was followed by the branches in Brierley Hill with £2.5 million and Wednesbury with £2.3 million.

Across the region last year, Mecca paid out £18 million. Bilston paid out £2.2 million and West Bromwich £1.3 million.

Area manager Chris Garrett said: "Bingo is as popular as ever and the chances of winning a life-enhancing amount of money are huge.

"I think people new to the game always find it surprising how frequent the wins can actually be."

Nadine Cadinot, aged 48, of The Parade, Old Hill, attends the Oldbury club and says her key to winning is an Asian gold necklace.

Nadine Cadinot with husband Jean-Francois, at lucky bingo club Mecca Oldbury

Prison for thief who hit worker

A PROLIFIC thief who stole £8,000 worth of jewellery from the office of a West Bromwich warehouse has been jailed for 17 months.

Mateusz Weroniecki punched a member of staff who tried to stop him escaping from City Kegs, Lyng Lane, with the haul, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week.

The 22-year-old fled in a car that had been stolen the previous day, Mr Geoffrey Dann, prosecuting, said..

Served

Police found the burglar 20 minutes later walking away from the parked car with some of the stolen jewellery. The rest was found inside.

Weroniecki, who arrived in this country from his native Poland six years ago, had a series of previous convictions for similar offences on commercial premises and has served several periods of imprisonment.

Mrs Sarah Hurd, defending, said: "His motivation is not drugs or alcohol. It is money.

"Since he lost his passport and identity documents he has found it difficult to find work."

Weroniecki, of Bailey Street, West Bromwich, was jailed for 12 months for burglary with a further five-month consecutive sentence for assaulting the member of staff .

He admitted both offences.

New water level fear over shrinking pool

FRESH concerns have been raised about water levels at a pool in Wednesbury.

The level at Hydes Road pool has dropped at least 14in in the past month, prompting fears that wildlife could be harmed.

The news has come as a blow to supporters of the pool, who thought the long-term problem had been resolved after a pipe leading to the nearby River Tame was unblocked, enabling it to be refilled.

"It's very worrying," said Friends of Hydes Road Pool chairman Terence Green. "If the water keeps going down we'll have no choice but to remove the fish.

"There are kinds of fish in there – carp, tench – and it's coming up to breeding season so it's important we sort it out as soon as possible.

"We're looking at three to four weeks before it will get dangerously low. A bit of rain will help but we can't count on that at this time of year."

The shrinking pool, which is currently about 900ft by 150ft, has been an issue for a few years.

Pumped

The water became so low last year that people said foxes were crossing parts of it.

Residents had asked if water could be pumped from the River Tame to fill the pool but the Environment Agencyr refused after it said fish were not in distress. However, pressure was eased after a spell of rain and a pipe connecting the pool to the River Tame was unblocked. It is thought a pipe blockage could be the problem again.

"We don't know exactly what it is but that is one possibility," said Mr Green.

"We have reported the problem to Sandwell Council and they have promised to look into it."

The Friends was set up in September to press for funding to secure the site's long-term future. However, it has struggled to attract members – there are currently just five. "It's such a beautiful area you would think a lot of people would want to protect it," added Mr Green.

Teenager stole bus fire sprays

A TEENAGER from West Bromwich has been fined £265 for stealing fire extinguishers from parked buses.

Kyle Bowen, of Greswold Street, admitted last week to being one of two people who had taken seven fire extinguishers from eight buses. They had been parked at Izons Road, West Bromwich on February 27.

He along with another defendant had broken into the buses at around midnight, and were spotted by a security guard.

Warley Magistrates Court heard that Bowen said he had been very drunk at the time.

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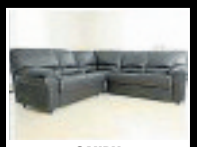

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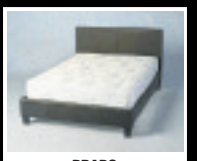

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Above, the striking wave-shaped design of the£77 million Sandwell College, below, Moat Farm pupils nine-year-old Lewis Hurley, left, and Jamel Lawrence, 10 show vice chair of governors Mike Beardsnore the college flag they have designed and, inset, the boys with John Tew, chair of govenors, and principal Val Bailey

College on crest of a wave as shell finished

THE wave-shaped shell of the new £77million Sandwell College has been completed, giving a striking impression of how the building will look when it is finished later this year.

The superstructure of the seven-storey building is now in place at the Spon Lane site in West Bromwich, which is set to become home to 10,000 students next year.

A "topping out" ceremony was held at the Spon Lane site last Friday to mark the completion of the skeleton, with civic dignitaries including the Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor Pauline Hinton, West Bromwich and Warley MPs and chairman of governors John Tew.

Balloons were launched from the top of the new college by two year five Moat Farm Junior School pupils, Lewis Hurley and Jamel Lawrence.

Proud

They boys were invited to attend the ceremony after winning a flag design competition organised in partnership with the school and college. The school is an official partner of the college in its new trust status and the two boys saw their design displayed on the podium.

The building is next to West Bromwich Ringway. Work started in September 2009 and is due to finish this autumn, with the first students due to move in during January 2012.

Principal Val Bailey said: "We are delighted to be providing the local community with a college to be proud of and we look forward to helping deliver a future for the people of Sandwell."

The campus will replace those in West Bromwich, Oldbury and Smethwick.

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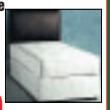

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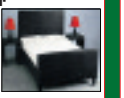

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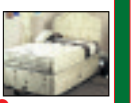

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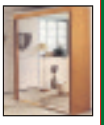

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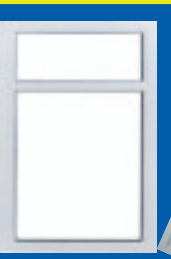

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Back on the Brum beat for drummer

Pop veteran Roger Taylor tells **LEON BURAKOWSKI** why Duran Duran is looking forward to playing Birmingham

Returning to Birmingham for a concert and the LG Arena is nerve-wracking but it's the big one for Duran Duran, says Roger Taylor, right, with, from left, John Taylor, Nick Rhodes and Simon Le Bon

DURAN Duran drummer Roger Taylor says the pop legends' homecoming to Birmingham as part of the band's first tour in seven years, will be the most important in their 11-date UK jaunt.

They will be appearing at the LG Arena concert on May 21.

"Birmingham is always the one we want to see come up on the tour book and is the most nerve-wracking because it's the one your family and friends will be at," says the Neachells-born sticksman, speaking from a New York hotel.

"It's the big one for us, the biggest this year and I can promise the fans it will be a spectacular production.

"We play all the hits and we have got three decades of music to draw from and songs from the new album." That is the band's 13th studio album, All You Need Is Now, which was made with the hippest producer around today, Mark Ronson, who previously worked with Robbie Williams, Amy Winehouse, Adele and Christina Aguilera.

The 50-year-old dummer says working with Ronson had won him some serious street cred with his own children.

Finger

"Mark Ronson grew up as a Duran fan and he also has this amazing music pedigree considering he's still in his 30s," says Taylor, who grew up in Castle Bromwich but now lives in London.

"Having just worked with Mark Ronson on this new album and worked with Timbaland on the last album (Red Carpet Massacre) means the 'coolometer' with the kids has gone up and up and up.

"My oldest son is coming up to 23, he's really got his finger on the pulse and keeps me in touch with what's going on."

Duran Duran now consists singer Simon Le Bon and fellow Brummies Nick Rhodes (keyboards) and John Taylor (bass), guitarist Andy Taylor having quit the band again in 2006.

Unlike many of their peers from the 1980s who emerged during the post-punk 'New Romantic' movement, they have managed to avoid the nostalgia circuit.

"We have always avoided getting lumped in with the 80s thing," Taylor says. "We have had hits in the 90s and in the last decade we had Reach Up For The Sunrise which was a hit record (no1 in America). "We are still known as an 80s band but have still managed to escape that decade which is tough, there are not people who have managed to do that, you've got us, U2, Madonna and Depeche Mode.

"It is tough to get success as a band but sustaining it is even harder work. We put a lot of work into it."

Struggling

What made Duran Duran different from many of their fellow UK pop stars of the 80s was massive and consistent success in America.

"They took to us very, very early in the States, Hungry Like a Wolf was the big one for us. That is the song that really took off here. Save A Prayer was a big hit, Reflex was, Girls on Film. When they like you they like you for ever, so we are constantly coming back to the US.

"It was the videos that did it for us. We were struggling here, playing 500 seat clubs and we were making it only on a very underground level.

"Then they started playing us on MTV, only in Texas to begin with as an experiment and suddenly we started selling lots of records down there," he says.

"Then it went nationwide and we had these really cinematic videos that were just right. That's what broke us in America. They had loads of bars here with big video screens in and our videos were perfect for these bars. It was the right place at the right time."

Taylor splits drumming duties with Duran Duran, where he has laid down the rhythm since 1979, with DJing in clubs. "I like dance music, particularly 'house'," he says.

"I think it is a shame there is not more bands coming through. Maybe it is because of The X Factor, it tends to be about producers and singers."

Taylor still makes regular trips to Birmingam to attend Aston Villa matches with his father .

Another Birmingham venue holds special memories for Taylor, the Birmingham Odeon on New Street.

"My first drumming idol was John Bonham (of Led Zeppelin)," he says.

"I went to see The Song Remains The Same at the Birmingham Odeon at the age of 15, that's when I realised I really wanted to be a drummer. Watching John Bonham play solo for 20 minutes in the middle of that movie was quite a life changing moment."

Icy crash left Todd with warm glow

ONE hilarious moment of slapstick humour changed the career of actor Todd Carty.

After being a child TV star in the central role of Tucker Jenkins in kids' TV favourite Grange Hill, the actor from Kilburn in north London became associated with grim, dramatic TV roles, firstly as ill-fated Mark Fowler in EastEnders and then as murderous police officer Gabriel Kent in The Bill.

But it was a priceless moment during the fourth series of pro-celebrity ice show Dancing On Ice in 2009 that helped Carty rid himself of the misery tag. Partnering professional skater Susie Lipanova, he had been heavily criticised for the judges for his lack of skating ability and they regularly finished at the bottom of the leaderboard.

Then, during their week three routine to The Beatles's song Help!, Carty lost control on the ice so badly that he went sliding out of camera shot, disappearing off the set completely leaving his partner to complete the routine alone.

Inspired

It went down as one of the funniest incidents on TV that year.

"That was me out there," the 47-year-old actor told The Chronicle. "Me, the great big kid."

The producers of Monty Python's Spamalot, the comedy musical inspired by the film Monty Python and The Holy Grail, were watching.

"They loved that moment so much that they offered me the role of Patsy, so I could show I can do comedy on stage," explains Carty, who first appeared on TV because producers visiting his stage school in the 1970s liked his cheeky face.

He has been playing the role of King Arthur's put-upon servant for around a year now and will making the clip-clop noises with coconut shells when Phill Jupitus takes on the regal duties for Spamalot's run at Wolverhampton Grand from April 25 to 30.

Todd Carty in his role as Patsy in Spamalot

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I'll Be There at the Hippodrome . . . the protrayal of the young Michael, left, in the Jackson 5 in the tribute to the King of Pop and, right, capturing the older Michael

Thriller of a night at King of Pop tribute

THRILLER nights are in store at Birmingham Hippodrome where the touring version of the West End hit tribute to King of Pop, Michael Jackson, will start a two-week run from Monday.

Thriller Live is a spectacular, high-octane concert featuring a host of Michael Jackson and Jackson 5 hit songs including I Want You Back, I'll Be There, Blame It On The Boogie, She's Out Of My Life, Thriller, Beat It, Jam, Man in the Mirror, Dirty Diana, Billie Jean and They Don't Really Care About Us.

One of the team of singers and dancers presenting the tribute will be Birmingham's own former Pop Idol finalist Hayley Evetts.

Meanwhile, the hugely popular, naughty but nice Calendar Girls, a poignant comedy, continues at the Hippodrome until Saturday.

Buddy bids farewell to Peggy Sue and Wolverhampton Grand on Saturday and following the rock 'n' roll musical will be a celebration of Irish song and dance, Essence Of Ireland on Tuesday.

Kids' favourites The Chuckle Brothers are returning to the Grand. This time they will be lampooning Harry Potter with Barry Potty and his Full Blood Brother Paul in The Ghostly Shadows during the Easter weekend, April 23 and 24

Then comes the Grand's spring blockbuster comedy musical, Monty Python's Spamalot, from April 25 to 30, with comedian Phill Jupitus as King Arthur.

A tangled web of deceit and family secrets are explored in Chip Off The Block, staged by Opus Theatre Company at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre tomorrow night (Friday).

The Crescent Theatre presents its version of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar in its studio theatre off Brindley Place, Birmingham, from Saturday to the following Saturday.

OK ladies and some gentlemen, The Chippendales strut their six packs at Birmingham's New Alexandra tonight (Thursday).

Ambitious

The Tiger Who Came For Tea is on stage at Birmingham Town Hall in a musical adaption by David Wood of Judith Kerr's popular children's book from Tuesday to Friday.

The National Youth Choir of Great Britain and junior choirs present a programme of Schumann, Brahms, Gorecki and MacMillan in We Are The Music Makers at Birmingham's Smyphony Hall on Sunday evening.

Ballet gets a digital makeover when Stravinsky's Rite of Spring 3D is presented at Symphony Hall next Thursday, April 21. Created by media artist Klaus Obermaier, it is one of the most ambitious events to take place at the prestigious city centre venue. A solo dancer, the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and the latest technology will combine to give the 3D glasses-wearing audience a new insight into the experience of dance and performance.

Torville and Dean's Dancing On Ice reunites the Olympic gold winning pair with lots of celebrity skaters and judges at Birmingham's NIA from Friday to Monday.

Big musicals dominate at Stoke where the Regent stages Footloose this week to be replaced by Blood Brothers from Monday to Saturday, when Tamworth's X Factor finalist Niki Evans plays Mrs Johnstone.

A 'lost' Shakespeare play is re-imagined and restored by the Royal Shakespeare Company's chief associate director Gregory Doran, when Stratford's Swan Theatre is re-opened with performances of the Bard's 'Spanish play' Cardenio, from April 14 and in the RSC repertoire until October 6.

Comedy highlights include: old school comedians Frank Carson, Duncan Norvelle and Ian 'Sludge' Lees at Dudley Concert Hall tonight (Thursday); Dan Antopolski (Jesus in The Da Vinci Code!) at Birmingham Glee Club tomorrow (Friday); high-energy stand-up Imran Yusuf at The Public in West Bromwich on Saturday; Wolverhampton sketch troupe Pappys at The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton on April 21.

Strumming up gigs at Robin

GUITAR heroes are coming to Bilston traditional rock venue The Robin 2 this month. On April 19, in a seated show, Californian fretboard master Thom Bresh will be performing armed with his extraordinary two-sided Langejans Super Dualette guitar.

Then on Bank Holiday Monday (May 2) Australian guitar maestro Tommy Emmnuel shows his finger-picking prowess in the evening, following an afternoon workshop when guitarists can get up close for tips from the master. In between, the Mount Pleasant venue features American bluesman Tommy Castro with his band on April 20 and the Girls With Guitars Blues Caravan Tour 2011 on April 28, featuring Americans Samantha Fish and Cassie Taylor and soul singing Dani Wilde from Wiltshire.

Contact the venue's box office on 01902 401211.

Other concerts coming up at the Robin 2 include memories of Rollermania when Les McKeown sings Bay City Roller hits on Saturday (April 16) and Derek 'The Draw' Horse steps into the late Ian Dury's shoes to sing with The Blockheads on April 21.

Album reviews

Frootful - Colours, This Is Speedometer: Vol 1 and 2 (both Freestyle Records).

TWO cracking mod jazz releases from London's hip and groovy Freestyle label, both mostly instrumental and harking back to punchy 60s style jazz and fat 70s funk.

Frootful is the moniker for jazz guitarist Nick Radford and the title refers to the wide range of moods and grooves covered on his new project. Lack of Afro's Adam Gibbons twiddles the knobs as vintage instruments, valve amps and analog gear are used to give an authentic sound. Highlights include the dynamic title track propelled by Al Hudson's swinging drums and Paul Wellers bassist Damon Minchella, with some cool vibraphone, plus a ska-styled cover of Young Holt Unlimited's Young & Holtful, renamed Young & Frootful. Elsewhere southern fried fatback funk, 60s style blues and soul, and latin styles get a workout. Angeline Morrison contributes smokey, mellow vocals to a couple of tracks.

The Speedometer retrospective pairs the first two albums from Leigh Gracie's funky London outfit who've made it big in Japan. Originally out on the Blow It Hard label in 2003 and 2005 and now hard to find, this gives jazz-dance fans the chance to revel in the band's retro combo of gritty funk instrumentals, soul ballads and latin grooves (they've got the best New Orleans funk sound this side of their heroes The Meters) on one 22-track remastered album featuring singer Ria Currie and the popular reworking of Beyonce's Work It Out.

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Choice

EUROVISION: YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS BLUE

BBC1, 6.10pm

When Josh Dubovie came last at the 2010 Eurovision Song Contest with That Sounds Good to Me, it probably put some British acts off ever entering this year's competition. Luckily boy band Blue weren't about to shy away from the challenge of restoring the nation's pride. This one-off special sees how members Lee Ryan, Antony Costa, Duncan James and Simon Webbe are preparing for their appearance in Dusseldorf as they meet choreographers, designers and stylists, before embarking on a publicity tour around Europe. Graham Norton narrates.

BBC1

6.00 Formula 1: The Chinese Grand Prix – Qualifying. Live coverage from the Shanghai International Circuit. **8.30** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Formula 1: The Chinese Grand Prix – Qualifying. **2.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Ali Carter v Dave Harold and Mark Williams v Ryan Day. **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.40** The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson. Celebrity spoofs, with Jon Culshaw and Debra Stephenson. (R)

6.10 Eurovision: Your Country Needs Blue. The band's preparations to represent the UK in Dusseldorf on May 14.
7.10 So You Think You Can Dance. The first live edition.
8.10 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. Quiz show, presented by Nick Knowles. Last in the series.
9.00 Casualty. The competition between Jordan and Miriam intensifies.
9.50 Live at the Apollo. With Lee Mack, Rich Hall and Danny Bhoy. (R)
10.20 BBC News; Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day; National Lottery Update.
11.35 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games; Weatherview.

1.00 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Film: The Taming of the Shrew. (1967) Shakespeare comedy, starring the late Elizabeth Taylor. **1.55** Film: William Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice. (2004) Shakespearean drama, starring Al Pacino. **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Continued coverage of the opening day from Sheffield. **5.30** Flog It! (R)

6.30 Dad's Army. Jones loses a large sum of money. (R)
7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Neil Robertson v Judd Trump and Shaun Murphy v Marcus Campbell.
7.50 Elizabeth Taylor – A Tribute. Profile of the actress, who died last month.
8.50 Timewatch – In Shackleton's Footsteps. (R)
9.50 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. With Ross Noble and Sarah Millican. (R)
10.20 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. With guest host Stephen Mangan.
11.05 Nurse Jackie. The nurse fakes the result of an MRI.
11.35 Later with Jools Holland. With Cee Lo Green, Glasvegas and Bootsy Collins. (R)

12.35 Snooker: The World Championship. **1.25** Snooker Extra. **3.25** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** Coronation Street. **11.45** This Morning: Saturday. **12.45** Monk. **1.40** ITV News; Weather. **1.50** You've Been Framed! (R) **2.20** Film: Arthur. (1981) Comedy, starring Dudley Moore. **4.10** Regional Programmes. **4.25** ITV News; Weather. **4.40** Live FA Cup Football. Manchester City v Manchester United (Kick-off 5.15pm).

7.20 Sing if You Can. New series. Celebrity singing challenge, hosted by Keith Lemon and Stacey Solomon.
8.20 Britain's Got Talent. New series. Ant and Dec kick off another search to find the nation's most impressive performers, with Amanda Holden joined by new judges Michael McIntyre and David Hasselhoff.
9.50 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Russell Brand. New series. The actor and comedian discusses his marriage to singer Katy Perry, and is questioned about his infamous phone calls to Fawlty Towers star Andrew Sachs.
10.50 ITV News; Weather.
11.05 FILM: Dreamcatcher. (2003) Premiere. Sci-fi horror, starring Morgan Freeman.

1.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.35** Swingtown. Laurie and Doug Stephens are discovered in a compromising position. (R) **4.20** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Formula Ford Championship. **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.50** T4: Friends. (R) **9.20** T4: Koko Pop. **9.50** T4: Friends. (R) **10.25** T4: Glee. **11.20** T4: Great British Hairdresser. **12.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** The Secret Supper Club. **4.25** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.30** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.00 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. The conclusion of the dinner party challenge in Oxfordshire. (R)
6.30 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv. The Queen's role as the Supreme Governor of the Church of England.
7.00 River Cottage Every Day. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall prepares a variety of treats. Last in the series. (R)
8.00 FILM: The Day After Tomorrow. (2004) Disaster thriller, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Dennis Quaid.
10.20 Stand Up for the Week.
11.10 FILM: The War of the Roses. (1989) Black comedy, starring Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner.

1.20 Sex, Secrets and Frankie Howerd. (R) **2.15** The Confession. (R) **2.20** Privileged. (R) **3.45** Ugly Betty. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.55** Yo Gabba Gabba! (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Zoo Days. (R) **10.05** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.05** NCIS. (R) **12.05** Law & Order. (R) **1.05** Film: Murder Ahoy. (1964) Mystery, starring Margaret Rutherford. **2.55** Film: Guarding Tess. (1994) Comedy drama, starring Nicolas Cage and Shirley MacLaine. **4.45** Film: Private Benjamin. (1980) Comedy, starring Goldie Hawn.

6.50 5 News Weekend.
6.55 NCIS. Tony and Jeanne are held hostage. (R)
7.50 CSI: Grissom's Greatest. A couple are murdered in the street. Crime drama, starring William Petersen. (R)
8.50 CSI: Miami. Part one of two. The discovery of a woman's body at the bottom of a lake leads Horatio to Julia, the mother of his son. Calleigh finds herself targeted in a hate campaign. (R)
9.50 CSI: NY. A serial rapist is murdered. Crime drama, starring Gary Sinise.
10.50 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A casino owner's death leads to an unusual discovery. (R)
11.50 Cops in Crisis. Harrowing tales of survival told by police officers. (R)

12.55 SuperCasino. **4.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.10** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.35** HouseBusters. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.10 American Idol **4.10** Britain's Got More Talent **7.20** Fiddles, Cheats & Scams **8.20** Help! I Caught It Abroad **9.20** Life's Funniest Moments **9.50** Britain's Got More Talent **10.50** Celebrity Juice **11.35** Film: American Pie (1999)

ITV3
5.55 Inspector Morse **8.00** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Midsomer Murders. A craft centre's financial ruin has dire consequences. **11.05** Wycliffe

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Chennai Super Kings v Royal Challengers Bangalore and Deccan Chargers v Kings XI Punjab. **8.00** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors **9.00** Ultimate Force **10.35** Film: The Exorcist (1973)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **9.50** Film: Serendipity (2001) **11.15** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Yellowstone **8.00** If Walls Could Talk: The History of the Home **9.00** Spiral **10.55** Twenty Twelve **11.25** Fanny Hill

E4
1.25 Hollyoaks **4.00** Make It or Break It **5.00** Friends **6.00** Glee **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.55** How I Met Your Mother **8.55** Friends **10.00** Film: My Super Ex-Girlfriend (2006) **11.50** The Cleveland Show

FILM4
3.00 Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (1953) Musical comedy, starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell. **4.50** A Room with a View (1986) **7.05** The Truman Show (1998) **9.00** Trading Places (1983) **11.15** The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975)

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THE CUBE
ITV1, 7pm

Some viewers may look at some of the challenge on this game show and ask themselves "So what's the big deal?" But while the tasks may look simple from the comfort of your own armchair, it's an entirely different story when you're performing them in a transparent box with an audience and Phillip Schofield watching your every move. If that wasn't enough pressure, there's also the knowledge that millions of viewers will later be watching you at home, analysing your every move thanks to the slow-motion replays and cameras that capture you from every angle. And of course, the fact there's £250,000 at stake won't help with the contestants' nerves either.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.00** Formula 1: The Chinese Grand Prix Live. The third race of the season from Shanghai (Start-time 8.00am). **10.15** London Marathon 2011. Further live coverage of the 31st staging of the annual event. **2.00** The Politics Show. **3.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **3.05** Formula 1: The Chinese Grand Prix. **5.05** Points of View. **5.20** Songs of Praise. **5.55** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.15 Land Girls. Drama, starring Becci Gemmell and Jo Woodcock. (R)
7.00 Countryfile. Julia Bradbury meets the groundsmen who maintain the Old Course at St Andrews, and Matt Baker learns why the local landscape made the Scottish town an ideal location for golf.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. More items are valued at Hatfield House, Hertfordshire.
9.00 Britain's Royal Weddings. Part one of two. Presented by Sophie Raworth.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Does Christianity Have a Future? Ann Widdecombe explores Christianity's role in modern Britain.
11.25 FILM: Absolute Power. (1997) Crime thriller, starring Clint Eastwood; Weatherview.

1.25 Sign Zone: MasterChef. (R) **2.25** Holby City. (R) **3.25** Men of Rock. (R) **4.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **6.55** CBBC. **7.25** Match of the Day. (R) **8.30** London Marathon 2011. Live coverage of the 31st staging of the annual event. **10.15** Something for the Weekend. **11.15** MasterChef. (R) **12.15** Film: Alvarez Kelly. (1966) American Civil War Western, starring William Holden. **2.05** EastEnders. **4.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Stephen Hendry v Joe Perry and Shaun Murphy v Marcus Campbell.

6.00 London Marathon 2011 Highlights. Action from today's 31st staging of the annual event.
7.00 Alex Higgins: The People's Champion. The life of the two-time world snooker champion. (R)
8.00 The Secrets of Scott's Hut. Ben Fogle travels to Antarctica, where he joins a project hoping to preserve the hut from which explorer Captain Robert Scott launched his ill-fated polar expedition in 1911.
9.30 Alaska: The Arctic Man Ski & Sno-Go Classic. Ed Leigh and Graham Bell compete in the Arctic Man event. (R)
10.00 Match of the Day 2. Highlights of Arsenal v Liverpool.
10.50 FILM: Apocalypto. (2006) Mayan historical adventure, starring Rudy Youngblood and Dalia Hernandez.

1.00 Snooker: The World Championship. **1.50** Snooker Extra. **3.50** BBC News.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.25** Sing if You Can. (R) **11.30** This Morning: Sunday. **12.30** Dinner Date. (R) **1.25** ITV News; Weather. **1.30** Film: Columbo: The Bye-Bye Sky-High IQ Murder Case. (1977) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.00** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **4.30** Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.30 Regional Programmes.
6.45 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 The Cube. A fitness instructor takes up the challenge, aiming to complete tasks within the confines of a large transparent cube to win a jackpot of £250,000.
8.00 Lewis. While investigating the death of a student during a clinical trial, Lewis uncovers a web of lies, jealousy and madness among those taking part.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.15 FA Cup Highlights. The semi-finals at Wembley Stadium, featuring Manchester City v Manchester United and Bolton Wanderers v Stoke City, as the line-up for the showpiece match was confirmed.
11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures.

12.10 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Film: A Mighty Wind. (2003) Spoof documentary, starring Eugene Levy. **3.30** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.20 Sali Mali. (R) **6.25** The Hoobs. (R) **6.50** The Track and Field Show. (R) **7.20** Freesports on 4. **7.45** T4: Friends. (R) **8.15** T4: Friends. (R) **8.45** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.20** T4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. (R) **11.55** T4: Glee. (R) **12.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **2.25** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **3.00** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **3.35** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **4.05** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Time Team.

6.30 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv. A Scottish Catholic discusses the Queen's role in the Church of England.
7.00 Come Dine with Me. A mother-of-two competes against a hairdresser, a businessman and a weight-loss consultant as the dinner party challenge heads to Bedford.
8.00 The Hotel. New series. Documentary following life at a three-star hotel in the Lake District.
9.00 Country House Rescue. Ruth Watson helps a feuding family in Hampshire.
10.00 FILM: East Is East. (1999) Comedy drama, starring Om Puri.
11.55 FILM: 3 Idiots. (2009) Premiere. Comedy, starring Madhavan.

2.50 Never Did Me Any Harm. (R) **3.45** The Play's the Thing. (R) **4.45** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.55** Yo Gabba Gabba! (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.35** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **6.50** The Beeps. (R) **7.00** Mio Mao. (R) **7.05** Chiro. (R) **7.15** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Hana's Helpline. (R) **8.35** Family! (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) **10.00** K-9. **10.35** OK! TV Sunday. **11.35** Family Food Fight. (R) **12.05** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.05** Emergency Bikers. (R) **2.00** Film: Death of a Gunfighter. (1969) Western, starring Richard Widmark. **3.55** Film: Short Circuit. (1986) **5.55** 5 News Weekend.

6.00 FILM: Big Daddy. (1999) Comedy, starring Adam Sandler.
7.40 FILM: Spider-Man. (2002) Comic-book adventure, starring Tobey Maguire.
10.00 The Walking Dead.
11.05 FILM: Single White Female. (1992) Psychological thriller, starring Bridget Fonda and Jennifer Jason Leigh.

1.10 SuperCasino. **4.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.10** UEFA Europa League Highlights. **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
4.00 The Planet's Funniest Animals **4.30** Britain's Got More Talent **5.30** The Cube: Celebrity Special **6.30** The Only Way Is Essex **8.00** Kerry Katona – The Next Chapter **9.00** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Russell Brand **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Film: Batman Forever (1995)

ITV3
3.55 The Turn of the Screw **5.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.55** Mr Bean **9.00** Film: Fierce Creatures (1997) **10.55** Film: The Constant Gardener (2005)

ITV4
11.00 British Touring Car Championship. Round two from Donington Park. **6.00** Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kolkata Knight Riders v Rajasthan Royals. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Conan the Destroyer (1984) **11.05** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors

BBC THREE
7.00 Formula 1: The Chinese Grand Prix Highlights **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Police Academy UK **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** White Van Man

BBC FOUR
7.00 The Great Estate:The Rise & Fall of the Council House **8.00** Amazing Gracie: The Gracie Fields Story **9.00** Gracie! **10.20** Spitfire Women **11.20** Robert Plant: By Myself

E4
3.50 Film: Bride and Prejudice (2004) **6.00** Friends **7.00** 90210 **8.00** Friends **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Being Erica **11.55** The 100 Greatest Stand Ups 2010

FILM4
3.10 Carry On Sergeant (1958) **4.50** Batman (1966) **6.50** Grease (1978) **9.00** Brassed Off (1996) **11.05** M*A*S*H (1970)

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Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Animal 24:7. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Filthy Rotten Scoundrels. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.55** Party Election Broadcast. (R) **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Bang Goes the Theory; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** The Trillion Dollar Con-Man: Panorama. **9.00** Motorway Cops. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** A Question of Sport. **11.05** Late Kick Off. **11.35** The Graham Norton Show; (R) Weatherview. **12.25** Sign Zone: MasterChef. (R) **1.25** Watchdog. (R) **2.25** Arctic with Bruce Parry. (R) **3.25** Baking Made Easy. (R) **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.00** Animal Park. **12.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Stephen Hendry v Joe Perry and Ronnie O'Sullivan v Dominic Dale. **5.10** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **5.55** Party Election Broadcast. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Peter Ebdon v Stuart Bingham and Stephen Maguire v Barry Hawkins. **8.00** Railway Walks. (R) **8.30** Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. **9.00** Fix My Family. **10.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** An Island Parish. (R) **11.50** Snooker: The World Championship. **12.40** Snooker Extra. **2.40** BBC News. **3.15** The Super League Show. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.25** Party Election Broadcast. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** The Dales. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** The Reckoning. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Real Crime with Mark Austin: Murder of a Father. (R) **11.35** River Monsters. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** UEFA Champions League Weekly. **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** Jeremy Kyle: Morning Surgery. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.20** The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Freshly Squeezed. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.10** Frasier. (R) **8.40** Friends. (R) **9.10** Wife Swap USA. (R) **10.05** Brothers & Sisters. **11.00** Relocation, Relocation. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Make Do & Mend. **12.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Fern. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Help! My House Is Infested. **9.00** Meet the Middletons. **10.00** Film: Hostage. (2005) Thriller, starring Bruce Willis. **12.10** Music on 4: Green Day: Awesome Live. **12.45** European Poker Tour. **1.40** The SS. (R) **2.35** Empire. (R) **3.30** Warlords. (R) **4.25** Codex. (R) **5.10** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.35** Ugly Betty.

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Bridezillas. (R) **12.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.20** House. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **3.15** Film: First Daughter. (1999) **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** How Do They Do It?; 5 News Update. **8.00** The Gadget Show; 5 News at 9. **9.00** The Hotel Inspector. **10.00** Extraordinary People: The Rainman Twins. (R) **11.00** Film: Private Benjamin. (1980) **1.10** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** How Not to Decorate. (R) **4.55** Rough Guide to Bang for Your Buck. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Animal 24:7. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Filthy Rotten Scoundrels. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.55** Party Election Broadcast. (R) **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** Candy Cabs. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Baby Born in a Concentration Camp. **11.05** Film: The Love Letter. (1999) Comedy drama, starring Kate Capshaw; Weatherview. **12.35** Sign Zone: Michel Roux's Service. (R) **1.35** Who Does What? (R) **2.35** Pleasure and Pain with Michael Mosley. (R) **3.35** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.05** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.00** Animal Park. **12.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Graeme Dott v Mark King and Ronnie O'Sullivan v Dominic Dale. **5.10** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **5.55** Party Election Broadcast. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Peter Ebdon v Stuart Bingham and Mark Allen v Matthew Stevens. **8.00** Britain's Next Big Thing. **9.00** Filthy Cities. **10.00** Later Live – with Jools Holland. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Snooker: The World Championship. **12.10** Snooker Extra. **2.10** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.25** Party Election Broadcast. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Military Driving School. **8.00** Countrywise. **9.00** The Reckoning. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: The Hitcher. (2007) Horror remake, starring Sean Bean. **12.05** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.10** Crossing Jordan. **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.20** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Freshly Squeezed. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **8.35** Friends. (R) **9.05** Wife Swap USA. (R) **10.00** Brothers & Sisters. **10.55** A Place by the Sea. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Make Do & Mend. **12.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Fern. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Supersize vs Superskinny. **9.00** The Sex Education Show: Stop Pimping Our Kids. **10.00** Campus. **11.10** Pete Versus Life. (R) **11.45** School of Comedy. **12.15** UK & Ireland Poker Tour. **1.15** Superbike World Championship 2011. **1.45** The Grid. (R) **2.10** Formula Ford Championship. (R) **2.35** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **3.05** Freesports on 4. (R) **3.30** Sailing. (R) **3.55** ITU Triathlon. (R) **4.50** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.15** Full Metal Challenge. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Bridezillas. (R) **12.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.20** House. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **3.15** Film: Nowhere to Land. (2000) **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** Extraordinary Dogs; 5 News Update. **8.00** Tutankhamun: The Mystery Revealed; (R) 5 News at 9. **9.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **10.00** CSI: Miami. (R) **10.55** CSI: NY. (R) **11.55** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **12.55** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** How Not to Decorate. (R) **4.55** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Animal 24:7. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Filthy Rotten Scoundrels. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.55** Party Election Broadcast. (R) **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** DIY SOS: The Big Build; BBC News; Regional News. **8.30** Life of Riley. **9.00** MasterChef. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. **10.45** Would I Lie to You? (R) **11.15** Film: The Ladykillers. (2004) Comedy remake, starring Tom Hanks; National Lottery Update; Weatherview. **12.55** Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) **1.25** Watchdog. (R) **2.25** Natural World. (R) **3.25** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.00** Animal Park. **1.00** See Hear. **1.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Graeme Dott v Mark King and John Higgins v Stephen Lee. **5.10** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **5.55** Party Election Broadcast. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. John Higgins v Stephen Lee. **8.00** The Crimson Petal and the White. **10.00** The Victorians. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Snooker: The World Championship. **12.10** Snooker Extra. **2.10** BBC News. **3.25** Close. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.25** Party Election Broadcast. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Farewell Liz. **8.00** Midsomer Murders. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: Closing the Ring. (2007) Drama, starring Shirley MacLaine. **12.40** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.45** Film: Thirteen. (2003) Drama, starring Holly Hunter. **4.25** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Treacle People. (R) **6.20** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Freshly Squeezed. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **8.35** Friends. (R) **9.05** Wife Swap USA. (R) **10.00** Brothers & Sisters. **10.55** Country House Rescue. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Make Do & Mend. **12.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Fern. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Vacation, Vacation, Vacation. **8.30** Superscrimpers: Waste Not Want Not. **9.00** The Sex Education Show: Stop Pimping Our Kids. **10.00** Desperate Housewives. **11.05** The Big C. **11.40** Music on 4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. **12.10** Music on 4: Abbey Road Debuts. **12.30** Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Spotlight. **12.45** Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. (R) **1.00** Face of Britain. (R) **1.55** The Da Vinci Detective. (R) **3.50** Decoding Da Vinci. (R) **4.45** Hill Street Blues. (R) **5.35** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Bridezillas. (R) **12.00** The Family Recipe. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.20** House. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **3.15** Film: Uncorked. (2009) **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** Starlight: For the Children; 5 News Update. **8.00** Essex Jungle; 5 News at 9. **9.00** NCIS. **10.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. (R) **11.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) **11.55** Poker: Aussie Millions. **12.55** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** How Not to Decorate. **4.55** Animal Rescue Squad. **5.10** Wildlife SOS. **5.35** House Doctor.

Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Animal 24:7. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **10.45** The Royal Maundy Service at Westminster Abbey; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Watchdog. **9.00** New Tricks. (R) **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Jon Venables: What Went Wrong? **11.25** Film: The Color of Money. (1986) Drama sequel, starring Paul Newman and Tom Cruise; Holiday Weatherview. **1.25** Sign Zone: The Trillion Dollar Con-Man: Panorama. (R) **1.55** Countryfile. (R) **2.50** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **3.50** Neighbourhood Watched. (R) **4.35** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.00** Animal Park. **1.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Mark Selby v Jimmy Robertson. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. John Higgins v Stephen Lee. **8.00** The Animal's Guide to Britain: A History of Celtic Britain. **10.00** Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Snooker: The World Championship. **12.10** Snooker Extra. **2.10** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** The Great British Wedding: Tonight. **8.00** Emmerdale. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Long Lost Family. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Russell Brand. (R) **11.35** Caroline Quentin: A Passage Through India. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** British Touring Car Championship Highlights. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** Jeremy Kyle: Morning Surgery. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.20** The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Freshly Squeezed. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **8.35** Friends. (R) **9.05** Wife Swap USA. (R) **10.00** Brothers & Sisters. **10.55** The Restoration Man. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Make Do & Mend. **12.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Fern. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Three in a Bed. **9.00** The Sex Education Show: Stop Pimping Our Kids. **10.00** 10 O'Clock Live. **11.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Ricky Gervais Show. **12.05** Music on 4: Snowbombing Road Trip 2011. **12.25** Music on 4: The JD Set: London. **12.40** Music on 4: Elbow: Rocket Science. **12.55** Film: Raavanan. (2010) Premiere. Crime thriller, starring Chiyaan Vikram. **3.05** Unreported World. (R) **3.30** Decoding Da Vinci. (R) **5.20** Truel. (R) **5.35** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Bridezillas. (R) **12.05** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.20** Law & Order. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **3.15** Film: McBride: Murder Past Midnight. (2005) Mystery, starring John Larroquette. **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** How Do They Do It?; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Gladiator: The True Story; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Most Shocking Talent Show Moments. **12.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** Colin and Justin's How Not to Decorate. (R) **4.55** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Friday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** What's the Point of Forgiveness? **10.00** The Story of Jesus. **11.00** Filthy Rotten Scoundrels. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.20** Regional News; Weather. **1.30** Film: The Prince of Egypt. (1998) Animated Biblical musical, with the voice of Val Kilmer. **3.00** Film: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement. (2004) Family comedy sequel, starring Anne Hathaway. **4.50** Film: Enchanted. (2007) Fantasy comedy, starring Amy Adams. **6.30** BBC News; Weather. **6.50** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** A Question of Sport. (R) **9.00** Have I Got News for You. **9.30** QI. (R) **10.00** BBC News. **10.20** Regional News; Weather. **10.30** The Graham Norton Show. **11.15** The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. **11.25** The One Show. (R) **12.25** Film: Win a Date with Tad Hamilton! (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Kate Bosworth and Topher Grace; Weatherview. **2.00** Sign Zone: Michel Roux's Service. (R) **3.00** The Boat That Guy Built. (R) **3.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.00** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.00** Animal Park. **12.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Second-round coverage from Sheffield. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The final session on day seven at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. **8.00** Gardeners' World. **9.00** Monty Don's Italian Gardens. **10.00** Frank Skinner's Opinionated. **10.30** Film: The Village. (2004) Horror thriller, starring Joaquin Phoenix. **12.10** Later with Jools Holland. **1.15** Snooker: The World Championship. **2.05** Snooker Extra. **4.05** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** Dinner Date. (R) **10.20** This Morning: Easter. **11.15** Loose Women. **12.00** Film: Murder, She Wrote: South by Southwest. (1997) Mystery, starring Angela Lansbury. **1.40** ITV News; Weather. **1.50** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** Rosemary & Thyme. (R) **4.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.15** ITV News; Weather. **6.30** You've Been Framed! (R) **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** Baboons with Bill Bailey. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Paul O'Grady Live. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.15** Take Me Out. (R) **11.15** The Cube. (R) **12.15** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.15** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.20** The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.15** Freshly Squeezed. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **8.35** Friends. (R) **9.05** Wife Swap USA. (R) **10.00** Brothers & Sisters. **10.55** Gok's Fashion Fix. (R) **12.00** Make Do & Mend. **12.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Fern. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.25** 4thought.tv. **7.30** Unreported World. **8.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. **9.00** Embarrassing Bodies. (R) **10.00** The Million Pound Drop Live. **11.25** 10 O'Clock Live. (R) **12.30** Music on 4: Album Chart Show Special: Chipmunk. **1.00** Music on 4: 4Play: Fenech-Soler. **1.10** My Name Is Earl. (R) **2.00** Freaky. (R) **2.50** Film: Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star. (2003) Comedy, starring David Spade. **4.30** Ugly Betty. (R) **5.00** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** CSI: NY. (R) **11.55** CSI: NY. (R) **12.50** 5 News Lunchtime. **1.00** Home and Away. **1.30** Neighbours. **2.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **2.20** Film: Barabbas. (1961) **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** Cowboy Builders. (R) **7.10** Film: The Wedding Singer. (1998) **9.00** Film: Made of Honor. (2008) Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Patrick Dempsey. **11.00** The Walking Dead. (R) **12.00** SuperCasino. **4.05** Motorsport Mundial. **4.30** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.55** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

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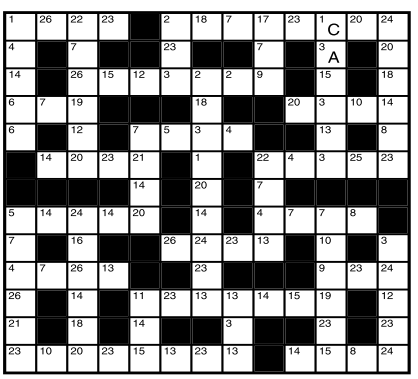

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

4. Fair game? (7)
8. Invest, but not in vest! (6)
9. Maintains a return pressure (7)
10. An expression of surprise in a legal document (6)
11. Big cuts she makes in fuel (6)
12. It's taken at one's leisure (8)
18. I leave the law to the big guns (8)
20. It's nonsense to compel a number (6)
21. Crafty, like a well-stocked gallery? (6)
22. We can do with it! (7)
23. Sole man without a grave (6)
24. A number, for example, finishes the inscriptions (7)

Down

1. Give credit? (7)
2. Where there's no bar for ship repairers? (3,4)
3. Describes a sailor given a mission (6)
5. Reconciled to having had to give up work (8)
6. A mark of credit and comfort (6)
7. One eats it, as a matter of course (6)
13. Blend of tea, I sold apart from the rest (8)
14. Showed a sign of cold and contempt? (7)
15. A single way of making an impression (7)
16. Perfect voice for a trio? (6)
17. Develop part of a revolver (6)
19. Close, so ran up to a disturbance (6)

Quick Clues:

Across

4. Skill (7)
8. Undid (6)
9. Upper hand (7)
10. Idle talk (6)
11. Engage (6)
12. Benevolence (8)
18. Outer (8)
20. Whirlpool (6)
21. Frugality (6)
22. Absorbed (7)
23. Limited (6)
24. Capricious (7)

Down

1. Funeral procession (7)
2. Brief notice (7)
3. Roar (6)
5. Ornament for the wrist (8)
6. Small (6)
7. Push (6)
13. Unskilled (8)
14. Tasteless (7)
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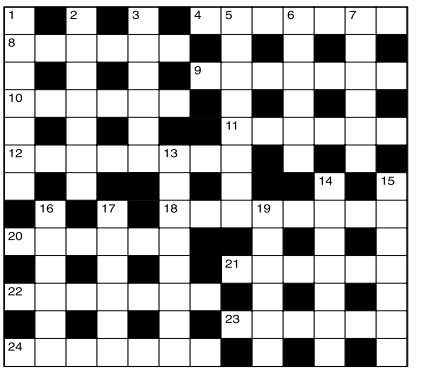
19. Racial (6)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Photo finish; 9 Lob; 10 Overreach; 11 Pages; 13 Lead off; 14 Fiends; 16 Review; 18 Genteel; 19 Anger; 20 Read aloud; 21 Ate; 22 Ready for bed. Down: 2 Hub; 3 Tools; 4 Feeble; 5 Narrate; 6 Shadowing; 7 Slip of a girl; 8 Shift-worker; 12 Greengage; 15 Die-hard; 17 All off; 19 Adder; 21 Ace. QUICK - Across: 1 Intersperse; 9 Asp; 10 Directive; 11 Eider; 13 Asunder; 14 Outset; 16 Zenith; 18 Narrate; 19 Latin; 20 Energetic; 21 Lie; 22 At all events. Down: 2 Nip; 3 Elder; 4 Scream; 5 Exclude; 6 Spindrift; 7 Take counsel; 8 Reprehended; 12 Detergent; 15 Evangel; 17 Nettle; 19 Lucre; 21 Let.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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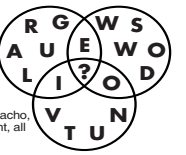
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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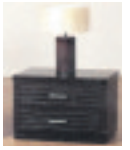

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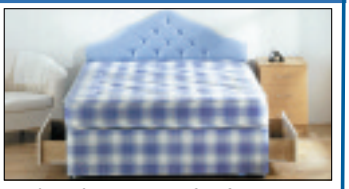

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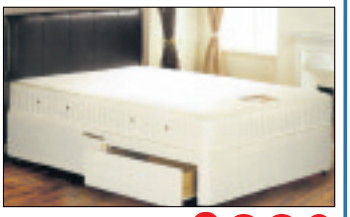

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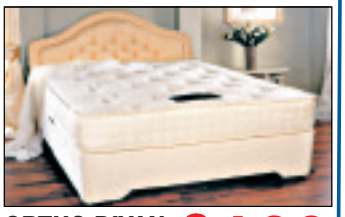

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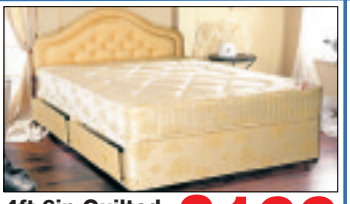

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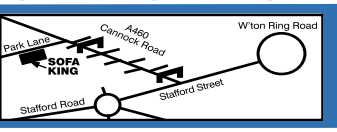

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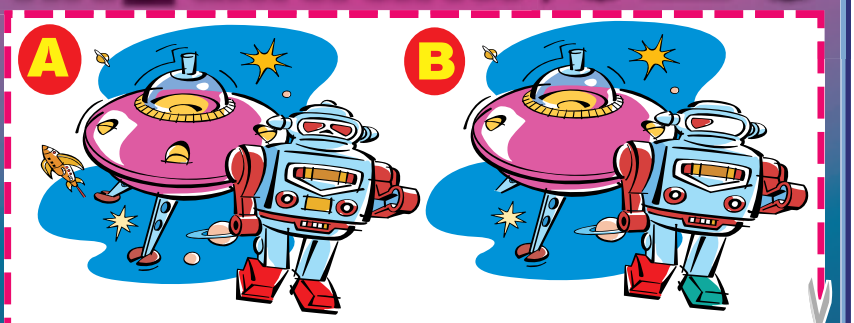

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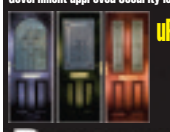

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It is about as close as you are going to get to visiting Willy Wonka's factory with hi-tech fun to sweeten the learning. Nearly nine million have visited since Cadbury World opened in 1990.

The Cadbury tour blends history and information with fun and, at several points during the tour, guides give you treats to eat. During my visit I managed to chomp away on a Curlywurly, a Crunchie, a Dairy Milk and enjoy a delicious drink of warm liquid chocolate, and still had room left for a bag of Chocolate Buttons.

After collecting your ticket at the reception you join a tour that leaves at an allotted time, to ensure the exhibition does not become too crowded.

First you enter the Aztec Jungle to hear about the origins of the cocoa bean, follow holographic images of Spanish explorers who brought the bean to Europe aboard ships (raiding pirates mistook the beans for sheep droppings!) and learn how chocolate became the popular drink for high society.

This is where John Cadbury comes in, selling drinking chocolate alongside other favourite new beverages coffee and tea from a shop in Birmingham's Bull Street in the 1820s. Soon he was sending his chocolate products from Bull Street, which is recreated in the exhibition, to London and beyond.

The Cadbury family, being non-conformist 'Quaker' Christians, wanted to encourage drinking of the beverage as an alternative to alcohol. Their religious beliefs also meant in the 19th Century they were barred from most professions, so threw all their ingenuity and endeavour into the chocolate business. John's descendents discovered the magical combination of milk and chocolate, originating the Dairy Milk bar which is still one of the company's most popular products.

The Cadburys also cared for their workers, establishing Bournville Village on the rural fringe of Birmingham. More about this can be discovered in The Bournville Experience museum, included in the ticket price.

Continue the tour to discover how chocolate is made and then into the packaging plant to watch robots wrapping the bars as they are delivered on conveyors. At this point, as you enter the factory proper, chocaholics may want to take in a big deep breath – you can taste chocolate on the air.

Then it's time to clamber into a Beanmobile for the fun-for-kids ride Cadabra, through a magical land of tiny cocoa bean people and have your photo taken.

Pouring liquid chocolate in the demonstration area at Cadbury World

Thousands of Dairy Milk on the conveyor in the packaging plant

In the demonstration area assistants give you a taste of liquid chocolate and you have the chance to write your name in chocolate.

The advertising department offers a nostalgic opportunity to view old TV commercials and also to operate the famous Cadbury drumming gorilla. Kids will love the Purple Planet where hi-tech displays allow them to play in 'chocolate rain' or see themselves as if made of chocolate.

That's the end of the tour proper but a short walk away is Essence where you can add your own favourite ingredients – from a choice including crispy rice, marshmallows, popcorn and more – to make your own choco-concoction.

No visit would be complete without shopping in the World's Biggest Cadbury Shop where special offers mean you can pick up favourite chocolate produce, often significantly cheaper than elsewhere. The shop is also open to non-visitors to Cadbury World.

Cadbury World gets busy and numbers are limited at peak times so it's best to book. Call 0844 880 7667 or visit the website www.cadburyworld.co.uk. Special events are planned for Easter, which is prime Cadbury Creme Egg season.

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Merlin's Camelot magic comes to Warwick Castle

EASTER at Warwick Castle promises to be hot stuff with the arrival of a fire-breathing dragon.

A spellbinding new attraction, Merlin: The Dragon Tower will be the first experience inspired by the hit BBCTV family drama set in the age of Arthurian legend.

At the heart of the attraction is a magical mirror, which allows the bravest sorcerers to meet The Great Dragon. Merlin tells the story of a young wizard as he struggles to survive in a kingdom where magic is banned while protecting Camelot and helping Arthur to fulfil his true destiny. Merlin: The Dragon Tower gives visitors the chance to step into that magical world.

This Easter weekend (April 22-25) will see the castle grounds transformed into a Mediaeval Battle Scene, recreating the famous Battle of Barnett. Re-enactors will spend four days eating, sleeping and living on site. Castle visitors will be able to see how an encamped army would live, how they would cook, amuse themselves and prepare their weapons for battle. In honour of the royal wedding, the castle is conjuring up some of Britain's greatest monarchs to meet guests and regale them with tales. Among the guests will be King Henry VIII and Queens Elizabeth I and Victoria.

Throughout the Easter holidays, visitors can also catch the Warwick Warriors, who will showcase their arsenal of weapons, or watch the Raising of the Portcullis. Nikita the sea eagle and fellow birds of prey return for the spectacular Flight of the Eagles show, where guests will meet the resident falconer. Brave souls can experience The Castle Dungeon.

To find out more about Warwick Castle at Easter, visit www.warwick-castle.com or call 0871 265 2000.

Castle's new attraction was inspired by the popular TV show Merlin, about the wizard's boyhood days

Walking on wild side with lemurs

The safari park near Kidderminster is now home to lemurs

WEST Midland Safari Park has opened the largest Lemur walk-through reserve in the country.

The new exhibit Walking with Lemurs consists of a natural woodland walk now home to Ring Tailed Lemur, White-Fronted Brown Lemur and Red Bellied Lemur, all natives of Madagascar.

Lemurs have free range of the woodland, which is located in an area of the grounds landscaped by Capability Brown in the 1800s.

This is the first time that visitors to the park will be able to see and interact with this species, introduced for 2011.

There is a programme of daily talks and Lemur- themed activities. The new Lemur exhibit took seven months to complete and is part of a £1m investment in new attractions being launched this year.

Bob Lawrence, Director of Wildlife, said: "Lemur are fascinating animals that often display unusual behaviour that is both captivating and rather cheeky.

"They are habitual sunbathers and enjoy nothing more than finding a nice perch to while away an hour or so. When roused, part of their communication process can become somewhat theatrical too, particularly when they engage in stink fights by waving their scent-marked tail at an opponent."

West Midland Safari and Leisure Park is open daily, including Bank Holidays, up to Friday, November 4. Walking with Lemurs is included as part of the standard admission charge of £13.99 for adults, £11.99 for children. A family saver ticket costs £46.76, which admits two adults and two children. Admission also includes a free return ticket. Amusement rides are charged extra in all cases.

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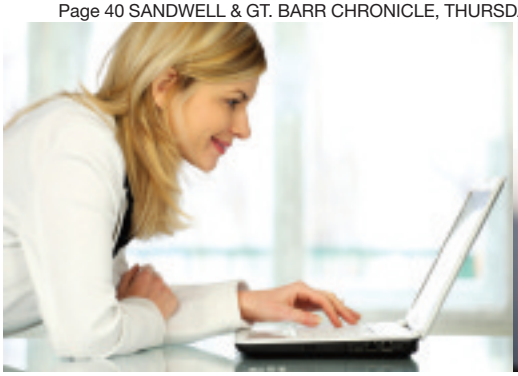

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Once upstairs, the first floor landing has a radiator and airing cupboard with hot water cylinder while a second set of stairs lead to the second floor.

Access on the first floor leads to bedrooms two and three which measure 12ft 1in x 8ft and 12ft 1in x 8ft respectively.

Both bedrooms include a radiator and uPVC double-glazed window and the third also has a built-in wardrobe.

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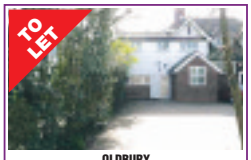

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BADSEY ROAD

Offers in the region of £84,950

A semi detached property requiring complete refurbishment and modernisation. Entrance hall, lounge, rear sitting room, kitchen. Staircase from reception hall to first floor landing with airing cupboard, and access to loft space off which lead three bedrooms (two with fitted wardrobes) bathroom shower over bath, part double glazing, front and rear gardens

OLDBURY

NEW

GILBERT AVENUE

Price: £59,950

A semi detached property requiring some improvement and modernisation offering good sized family accommodation or acquisition for investment Storm porch entrance, lounge, dining kitchen. Staircase to first floor landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, central heating and double glazing where specified, off road parking, front and rear gardens

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HIGHBURY ROAD

Offers in the region of £204,950

A modern detached property recessed front entrance into reception hall, cloaks and garage leading off, through lounge divided into lounge and dining area, kitchen, staircase to first floor landing, four bedrooms (en-suite off master) bathroom, central heating, double glazing, off road parking, rear garden

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MEADOW ROAD

Offers in the region of £185,000

A detached bungalow providing good sized family accommodation having substantial garden and double garage to front comprising storm porch entrance into reception hall, walk-in storage cupboard, kitchen and lounge having feature fireplace, 2/3 bedrooms, conservatory, bathroom with seperate shower cubicle, double garage, front and rear gardens

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FARM AVENUE

Offers in the region of £156,950

A well presented traditional semi detached within the catchment areas of Moat Farm Junior School and Oldbury College of Sport, offering tastefully modern decorated extended family accommodation, porch entrance, reception hall, lounge, dining kitchen, archway to conservatory. Stairs to three bedrooms, shower room, central heating and double glazing, off road parking, rear garden

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Offers in the region of £137,950

A modern semi detached within a cul-de-sac location close to Langley Village, having part converted loft space providing office/playroom. hall entrance, cloakroom, kitchen having intergrated appliances, lounge. Staircase to three bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, central heating and double glazing where specified, driveway and rear garden

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ADDINGTON WAY

Offers in the region of £130,000

A modern semi detached property having off road parking on communal driveway situated within a quiet estate location comprising hall entrance w.c. off, lounge feature fireplace, dining kitchen with fitted appliances. Staircase to three bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, central heating and double glazing, off road parking, front and rear gardens

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FARM ROAD

Offers in the region of £109,000

A fully modernised and improved mid-terraced property situated in one of the areas most sought after locations offering good sized accommodation. Side entrance into hall, two reception rooms both having feature fireplace, lobby, kitchen area, bathroom having seperate shower, staircase to first floor landing, three bedrooms, central heating, double glazing where specified and garden to rear.

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Offers in the region of £104,995

A deceptively well maintained and improved End Terraced residence offering ideal first purchase, hall entrance front room L shaped rear sitting room with dining area location bathroom staircse from hall to first floor landing three bedrooms w.c off master bedroom gas central heating double glazing off road parking and front and rear garden.

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REDUCED

MALLARD DRIVE

Offers in the region of £100,000

A mid town house situated on a popular sought after development offering ideal accommodation for first purchase. Front entrance with canopy over, reception hall, lounge, kitchen. Staircase to two bedrooms (master bedroom with fitted wardrobe) bathroom shower over bath, central heating, double glazing, front and rear gardens, allocated car parking space

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DINGLE STREET

Offers in the region of £99,950

A fully modernised and refurbished mid terraced property benefiting from off road parking to the rear uPVC entrance door into front room, inner hallway, rear sitting room and lobby. Galley styled kitchen, lobby and bathroom. Staircase from rear sitting room to first floor, two bedrooms, central heating, double glazing, front garden and rear yard.

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- No Pets, No Smokers
- Credit/Reference Required

£480 PCM £480 DEPOSIT

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- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bedrooms
- Freehold

£159,950

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Powis Avenue, Tipton — NEW

Traditional Extended Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & extension to rear. Good size family accommodation briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, sitting room, breakfast area, extended kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, side driveway, side garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £127,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Hawthorn Road, Tipton — NEW

Much Improved Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Immaculate internal accommodation for which viewing is highly recommended whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, 2 car driveway to front & 3 tier rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £79,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Stour Street, West Bromwich — NEW

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom, 3 bedrooms, driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £84,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Charter Road, Rochford Gardens, Tipton — NEW

Modern Detached having gas central heating and situated in a most sought after location. Having reception Hall, through lounge / dining room, conservatory, kitchen, utility room, guest cloakroom, 4 bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom, driveway, single Garage, fore / rear gardens. Freehold upon completion (subject to terms & conditions)
OFFERS AROUND: £185,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Great Meadow, Tipton — NEW

Modern 'Mendip' design Detached situated on a good size corner plot. Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, spacious family accommodation and briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted breakfast kitchen, study room, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, 2 car driveway, garage & gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £247,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Old End Lane, Coseley, Bilston — REDUCED

Well presented end terraced residence in a cul de sac location which benefits from upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Briefly comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom, 2 Bedrooms, First Floor w.c. Front Driveway & Good Size Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £84,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Brunel Drive, Tipton — NEW

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Situated in a cul de sac location, whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, parking, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £124,950
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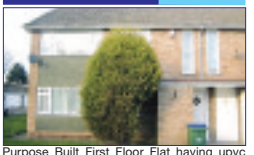
Tudor Court, Tipton — NEW



Purpose Built First Floor Flat having upvc double glazing. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower and garage in separate block.
OFFERS AROUND: £63,500
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Middle Meadow, Tipton — NEW

Modern Larger Style Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and spacious family accommodation. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, conservatory, fitted breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 en suite shower rooms, family bathroom, 2 car driveway & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £179,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Darbys Way, Alexandra Park, Tipton — NEW

Modern 3 Storey Middle Town House having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, no upward chain, spacious family accommodation & briefly comprising, storm porch, reception hall, 2 guest cloakrooms, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen with built in oven/hob, 4 bedrooms, 2 en suite shower rooms, family bathroom, integral garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £144,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Irving Road, Wednesbury Oak Estate, Tipton — REDUCED

Modern End Terrace situated on an excellent corner plot and located on a most sought after development. Offering upvc double glazing, electric heating and spacious family accommodation which briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom plus shower cubicle, garage in separate block, fore / side / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Queens Road, Tipton — REDUCED

Purpose Built First Floor Flat having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & offering no upward chain. Reception hall, landing, lounge, inner hallway, fitted kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom, parking area.
OFFERS AROUND: £61,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Wordsworth Close, Tipton

Modern End House having upvc double glazing and well presented accommodation. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, 2/3 car driveway.
OFFERS AROUND: £79,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Russell Close, Rochford Gardens, Tipton — REDUCED

Modern Executive Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & garage conversion. Situated in a most sought after development whilst the family accommodation briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, sitting room, fitted kitchen, utility room, guest cloakroom, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, 2 car driveway, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £204,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Jonah Drive, Tipton — NEW

Modern 3 Storey Middle Town House having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Well presented spacious family accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen / dining room, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, separate garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £149,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Carnegie Avenue, Tipton — REDUCED

Modern Middle Terrace having UPVc double glazing, cul de sac location, ideal first time purchase & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, parking & gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £89,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Lee Street, Hill Top, West Bromwich — NEW

Modern Design Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and loft room. Well presented family accommodation briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, loft room / possible bedroom 4, side driveway, side garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £134,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Bagnall Street, Tipton — REDUCED

Unique opportunity to purchase a detached bungalow with commercial units / garages on an excellent size plot. Superbly improved bungalow with upvc double glazing, gas central heating & briefly comprising, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in appliances, inner hallway, 3 bedrooms & bathroom. Outside comprises, 2 large garages, office, large storeroom with adjoining toilets, additional store & stables.
OFFERS AROUND: £244,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Salters Lane, West Bromwich — NEW

A Rare Opportunity to purchase an Impressively Sized Modern 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow offering No Upward Chain. Located within this highly sought after area and situated within a private developement of bunglows. This property must be seen to be appreciated. Centrally Heated, Double Glazed and Intruder Alarm. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/ Diner, Master Bedroom with En Suite Shower Room/ WC, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front, Rear & Side and Block Paved
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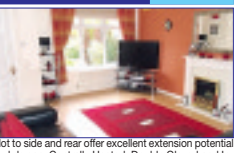
OFFERS AROUND: £299,950

Tiverton Drive, West Bromwich, West Midlands — NEW



An Excellent Modern Semi Deatched House with a large plot to side and rear offer excellent extension potential (subject to planning permission). Situated within a quiet cul de sac. Centrally Heated, Double Glazed and Intruder Alarm. Accomodation Comprises- Hall, Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Large Gardens to Front, Side and Rear and Off Road Parking for 2 Cars.
Viewing 0121 525 2111
OFFERS AROUND: £159,950

Railway Street, West Bromwich West Bromwich — NEW

A Modern Mid Terraced House situated at the head of a quiet cul de sac. Excellent location for Town Centre and Metro Station. No Upward Chain. Centrally Heated and Double Glazed. Accomodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Lounge/ Diner, Kitchen, 2 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Off Road Parking available within Parking Area.
OFFERS AROUND: £94,950
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Lincoln Road, Stone Cross, West Bromwich — NEW

A Spacious 4 Bedroom Semi Detached House requiring Upgrade and Refurbishment throughout but priced accordingly. No Upward Chain. Accommodation comprises, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, 4 Good Size Bedrooms, Gardens to Front & Rear and Shared Driveway leading to Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £94,950
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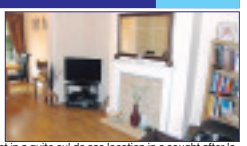
Bustleholme Avenue, West Bromwich — NEW



Well presented, extended semi detached residence set in a quite cul de sac location in a sought after location of West Bromwich. The property benefits from gas central heating and majority double glazing. Briefly comprising: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens, Ample off Road Parking to the Rear and Garage. (access via private road)
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OFFERS AROUND: £199,500

Albion Field Drive, West Bromwich West Bromwich — REDUCED

Reduced From £220,000 A Modern Detached Bungalow situated in a quiet cul de sac location. Very Spacious with 3 Bedrooms this property benefits from Central Heating, Double Glazing, Intruder Alarm and No Upward Chain. Accomodation comprises Hall, Lounge, Refitted Kitchen, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, 3 Bedrooms, Front & Rear Gardens, Driveway and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £179,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Graham Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich — REDUCED

A Well Presented Extended Semi Detached House situated within a Quiet Cul De Sac. Benefitting form Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Fitted Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Shower Room/ WC, Large Rear Garden, Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £139,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Hollyhedge Road, West Bromwich — REDUCED

A Delightful, Deceptively Spacious, Semi Detached Dormer Bungalow benefiting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and Cavity Wall Insulation. Must be viewed internally to be fully appreciated. Storm Porch, Hall, Spacious Split level Lounge/ Dining Room/ Sitting Room, Conservatory, Breakfast Kitchen, Bathroom/wc, 3 Bedrooms (One on ground floor), Toilet, Driveway parking for 3 cars and a good sized rear garden and securit lighting to Front & Rear.
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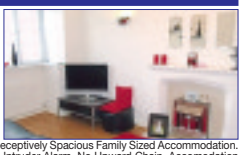
£174,950

Esher Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich — REDUCED

A Double Fronted End Terraced House benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Seperate WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £110,000
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Hall Green Road, West Bromwich, West Midlands



An Attractive Modern Semi Detached House offering Deceptively Spacious Family Sized Accommodation. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises- Entrance Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Large Kitchen with Dining Area, Conservatory, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Shower Room/ WC, Rear Garden and Off Road Parking for Several Cars.
Viewing 0121 525 2111
OFFERS AROUND: £152,950

The Grove, Yew Tree Estate, Walsall

A Spacious Two Bedroom Semi Detached House, Improved to a high standard buy the current vendors. No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises- Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen, Rear Utility Room, 2 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC. Large Rear Garden, Front Garden, Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Byron Street, West Bromwich West Bromwich

An Impressivley Extended Double Fronted End Terraced House. Benefitting From Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Kitchen/ Diner, Utility, Guest Cloaks/ WC, 3 Bedrooms, En Suite Shower Room, Bathroom/ WC
OFFERS AROUND: £159,995
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Heath Lane, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Charming Detached House occupying a choice corner plot in this popular residential area. Centrally heated, double glazed and intruder alarmed. Many character features. Hall, Sitting Room, Refitted Kitchen, Spacious Extended Lounge/ Dining Room, 1 King Size Bedroom, 2 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom/WC and Off road parking for up to 4 cars at the rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £159,950
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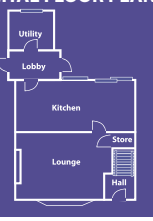

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Pound Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- A Period Mid Terrace Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Lounge
- Dining Room

OFFERS AROUND: £79,995
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Garrington Street, Darlaston — NEW

- An Extended 5 Bedroom Semi Detached
- UPVc Double Glazing (as specified)
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Requirign General Upgrade & No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: £99,950
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Crankhall Lane — NEW

Presenting a 2 bedroom ground floor flat. The property, which offers no upward chain, is double glazed and has accommodation to comprise a reception hall, wet room, 2 bedrooms, lounge, kitchen and communal gardens to the rear. The location of the property is secluded and would make for a fantastic first time buy or retirement property

OFFERS AROUND £74,995
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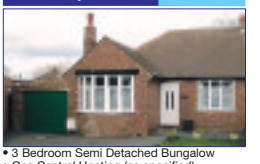
Church Hill, Wednesbury — NEW

- A Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain
- Recently Refurbished

OFFERS AROUND: £149,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Allen Road, Wednesbury — NEW



- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow
- Gas Central Heating (as specified)
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £148,900
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Devon Road, Wednesbury

- A Remarkably Well Presented 1 Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Gas Central Heating
- Approached via a Secure Communal Entrance with Intercom

OFFERS AROUND: £64,995
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Wednesbury St Christopher Drive, Wednesbury

- Almost Brand New 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- Presented to an Incrediubly High Standard
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing Throughout
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

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- Lounge with Feature Fireplace & Dining Room
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen with Oven & Hob
- 3 Bedrooms (two with En-Suite Shower Rooms)
- Fitted Bathroom Suite

OFFERS AROUND: £189,995

Darlaston Garrington Street, Darlaston — NEW

- Am Immaculate 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as sepcified)
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

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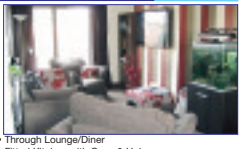

- Through Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen with Oven & Hob
- 3 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: £84,995

Addison Terrace, Wednesbury

- A Modern 1 Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Double Glazing
- Electric Storage Heating
- Fitted Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: £69,995
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Franchise Street, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A Much Improved 1st Floor Flat
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Reception Hall
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: £64,950
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Rutland Road, Wednesbury

- A Well Maintained 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- No Upward Chain
- Storm Porch & Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £104,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Wharfedale Street, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A Very Well Presented 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Retaining Many Original Features
- Dining Room with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: £114,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Queen Street, Moxley, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Double Glazed (as specified)
- No Upward Chain
- In Need of General Upgrade

OFFERS AROUND: £75,000
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Meryhurst Road, Wednesbury

- A Well Presented 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall & Storm Porch

OFFERS AROUND: £109,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Kent Road, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- No Upward Chain
- Staircase to Loft Room with 'Velux' Window

Viewing: 0121 505 3533 £85,000

Elwell Street, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A Double Fronted 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall & Guest WC
- Lounge

OFFERS OFFERS: £159,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Crockford Road, West Bromwich

- Well Appointed 3 Bedroom Extended Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Reception Hall & Utility Room

OFFERS AROUND: £129,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Wood Green Road, Wednesbury

- Attractive 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (where specified)
- Very Spacious Accommodation
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND £189,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Wellcroft Street, Wednesbury

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND: £99,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Weston Drive, Woodford Hollow, Tipton

- A Modern 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double GLazing
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: £122,950
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Resevoir Passage, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- Extended 3 Bedroom Detached
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Ever Popular Area
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £179,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Longcroft Avenue, Wednesbury

- A Truely Outstanding Period 3 Bedroom Butt Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (where specified)
- Corner Plot & Popular Location
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £224,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Bassett Road, Wednesbury

- A Nicely Presented 3 Bedroom Mid Town House
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

Viewing: 0121 505 3533 £74,995

Hamstead Terrace, Wednesbury

- A 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Placed within a Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (where specified)
- Reception Hall & Downstairs W/C

OFFERS AROUND: £104,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Station Street, Darlaston

- A Period 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Well Positioned for both Walsall & Darlaston Town Centres
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (where specified)
- Lounge

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF: £72,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Tame Crossing, Wednesbury

- Modern Executive 4 Bedroomed Detached House
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: £229,995
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Hazel Road, Leabrook, Tipton

- 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Reception Hall

Viewing: 0121 505 3533 £154,995

Scott Avenue, Wednesbury

- An Extended 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Quiet & Popular Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Garages to the Rear (1 has an Inspection Pit)

OFFERS AROUND: £140,000
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Goldicroft Road, Wednesbury

- A Traditional 3 Bedroom Detached Home (with scope to extend, subject to planning)
- Gas Central Heating
- Mostly Double Glazed - Except where original Feature Windows Remain
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £159,995
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Constantine Way, Bridgefields, Bilston

- 4 Bedroom Modern Detached Home
- Double-glazing & Gas central heating (as specified)
- Reception Hall & Guest WC
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: £189,995
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Carrington Road, Wednesbury

- A 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- No Upward Chain
- Gas Central Heating & UPVc Windows (as specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND £84,995
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Wakes Road, Wednesbury

- Well Presented 3 Bedroom Semi
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Very Highly Presented
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)

Offers Around £130,000
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Hales Road, Wednesbury

- Well Presented 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double GLazing (as specified)
- Storm Porch & Reception Hall
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: £135,000
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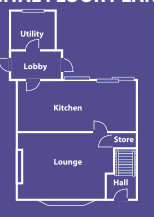

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Tividale £295,000

Oakham Road

Connells are pleased to present this well maintained four bedroomed detached property consisting of lounge, kitchen, dining room, master ensuite, bathroom, off road parking, garage and rear garden. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified. Internal Inspection Highly Recommended.

Oldbury £66,000

Mallard Drive

Connells are marketing this one bedroomed ground floor flat having communal gardens, allocated parking space, secured communal entrance, hallway, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, bedroom. Property is leasehold. NO UPWARD CHAIN

Oldbury £85,000

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Longbank Road

Connells are marketing this two bed semi detached property having entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, rear garden , off road parking and garage. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified. IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME BUYER OR INVESTORS.

Oldbury £90,000

Springfield Road

Connells are pleased to present this three bedroom end-terrace property comprising of two receptions rooms, kitchen, bathroom, front and rear garden. Gas central heating and double glazing where specified.

Tividale £90,000

Dudley Road West

Connells are pleased to present this well maintained two bed end of terrace property comprising of lounge, dining room, kitchen, upstairs bathroom and rear garden. Double glazing & gas central heating where specified. With new roof, new gas central heating, new double glazed doors to front & rear.

Oldbury £99,500

Farm Road

Connells are pleased to present this two bedroom mid-terrace property benefiting from lounge, dining room, kitchen, family bathroom, double glazing and gas central heating.

Oldbury £99,995

Wallace Road

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Pine Road

Connells are pleased to be marketing this very well presented two bedroom semi-detached property benefiting from lounge, kitchen, family bathroom, double glazing, gas central heating and front and rear garden. Potential to extend to the rear (subject to planning permission). NO UPPER CHAIN

Oldbury £105,000

Pryor Road

Connells are marketing this three bed semi detached property in need of modernisation and comprising of lounge, kitchen, bathroom, rear garden and shared driveway to front. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Oldbury £108,300

Moat Road

Connells are marketing this two bedroomed mid terraced property set back in cul-de-sac with only three houses having kitchen, lounge, rear garden, two bedrooms, bathroom and off road parking.

Oldbury £115,000

Yardley Close

Connells are pleased to be marketing this well presented three bed mid-terraced property consisting of lounge / dining room, kitchen, downstairs toilet, bathroom, front and rear gardens. Double glazing where specified. Gas warm air heating downstairs of property.

Oldbury £117,950

Ascot Close

Connells are marketing this three bedroom semi-detached property benefiting from porch, lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, double glazing, solid fuel heating, rear garden, off road parking with car port. NO UPWARD CHAIN. PROPERTY IS LEASEHOLD ALTHOUGH VENDOR WILL BUY THE LEASE BEFORE COMPLETION.

Oldbury £119,995

Mount Road

Connells are pleased to present this well maintained three bed end terraced property in cul-de-sac location comprising of lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, bathroom, rear garden and off road parking. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified. INTERNAL INSPECTION HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Oldbury £125,000

Kenelm Road

Connells are pleased to present this end terraced property comprising of lounge, dining room, downstairs cloakroom, three bedrooms, bathroom and rear garden.

Oldbury £127,500

Ivy House Road

Connells are marketing this very spacious four bedroomed mid terraced property having hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen / diner, downstairs toilet, rear garden, four bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, off road parking, gas central heating, double glazing on the market for £127,500.00

Oldbury £130,000

Avery Myers Close

Connells are marketing this three bedroomed end terraced property consisting of hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, bathroom, rear garden and off road parking. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified. NO UPWARD CHAIN

Oldbury £139,950

Sidaway Close

Connells are pleased to present this three bedroom detached property benefiting from hallway, lounge, kitchen, utility room, family bathroom, double glazing, gas central heating, rear garden, off road parking and garage. THIS PROPERTY IS LEASEHOLD.

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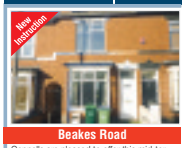
Harborne Road £122,500

Reduced
Oldbury
A 3 bed semi detached property with 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom, front and rear gardens and garage to side. Located close to Warley Woods and all amenities. This house is in need of modernisation.

Hockley £152,950

New Instruction
Central Park Drive
Connells are pleased to offer this modern 3 storey town-house, comprising 2 reception room, fitted kitchen plus separate utility, 4 bedrooms, master en-suite, family bathroom plus wet room, 2 cloakrooms, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front driveway, rear garden. NO CHAIN.

Bearwood £75,000

New Instruction
Beakes Road
Connells are pleased to offer this mid-terraced property in need of modernisation, comprising 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom, 3 bedrooms, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens. NO CHAIN.

Smethwick £94,950

New Instruction
Vince Street
Connells are pleased to offer this mid-terraced property, comprising 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom, 3 bedrooms, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens. NO CHAIN.

Bearwood £147,950

Katherine Road
Connells are pleased to offer this spacious mid-terraced property, comprising entrance hallway, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens.

Smethwick £94,950

Oakwood Road
Connells are pleased to offer this mid-terraced property, comprising 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom, 2 bedrooms, double glazed where specified, front and rear gardens.

Edgbaston £295,000

New Instruction
Poplar Avenue
Connells are pleased to offer this detached property, ideal as family home or multiple occupation investment property. The property comprises 4 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, spacious accommodation is split over 3 levels, fire and smoke alarms, double glazed and centrally heated where specified,

Winson Green £89,950

Perrott Street
Connells are pleased to offer this mid-terraced property with viewing highly recommended, comprising 2 reception rooms, re-fitted kitchen, re-fitted ground floor bathroom, 3 bedrooms, double glazed and centrally heated where specified. NO CHAIN.

Oldbury £119,950

Reduced
Edmonds Road
Connells are pleased to offer this semi-detached property, comprising paved driveway, hallway, reception room, kitchen/diner, 3 bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, rear garden. NO CHAIN.

Bearwood £200,000

Park Road
Connells are pleased to offer this immaculately maintained family home, with internal viewing highly recommended, comprising hallway, through lounge, re-fitted dining/kitchen, 3 bedrooms, spacious bathroom with separate shower cubicle, garage to side, double glazed and centrally heated where spec.

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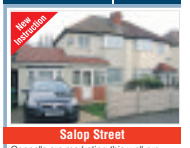
Tividale £105,000

New Instruction
City Road
Connells are pleased to present this three bed semi detached property in corner position comprising of lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs cloakroom, bathroom, off road parking, garage and rear garden. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Oldbury £105,000

New Instruction
Salop Street
Connells are marketing this well presented two bed semi detached property with lounge, dining area, kitchen, conservatory, bathroom, off road parking and rear garden. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Rowley Regis £104,995
New Instruction
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Oldbury £89,995

Wallace Road
Connells are pleased to present this four bed semi detached property consisting of lounge, kitchen, bathroom, front & rear garden. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Tividale £135,000

Callaghan Drive
Connells are marketing this mid terraced three storey property comprising of lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, master ensuite, bathroom, off road parking, garage and rear garden. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Oldbury £115,000

Ascot Close
Connells are marketing this three bed semi detached property having porch, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, bathroom, garage with driveway and rear garden. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Smethwick £65,000

St Pauls Road
Connells are pleased to present this first floor flat for sale comprising lounge, kitchen, bedroom & bathroom. Ideal investment or first time buyer purchase. Viewing recommended.

Smethwick £95,000

Sabell Road
Connells are pleased to present this two bed mid terraced property comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified. INTERNAL INSPECTION HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Smethwick £140,000
Reduced
AWAITING PHOTO
Marion Road
Connells are pleased to present this three bed semi detached property comprising of through lounge, kitchen, bathroom, rear garden, gates to rear. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified. In need of modernisation

Oldbury £90,000

Reduced
Bridge Street
Connells are pleased to be marketing this recently refurbished three bedroom mid terraced property comprising of lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, refitted bathroom and rear garden. Gas central heating and double glazing where specified.

Tividale £154,950

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Wednesbury £69,950

NEW
Dorsett Road
A three bedroom mid-terrace property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, drive-way providing off road parking. No upward chain.

Wednesbury £104,950

Reduced
Cook Street
A modern style three bedroom three storey end town house briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, downstairs WC, first floor bathroom, master bedroom with en-suite, allocated parking. No upward chain.

Wednesbury £125,000

Reduced
Wakes Road
A well maintained and much improved three bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) lounge, dining area, re-fitted kitchen, utility room, first floor bathroom, garage, drive-way, enclosed rear garden, no upward chain.

Wednesbury £180,000

Reduced
Woden Road South
An immaculately presented three bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) through lounge, breakfast kitchen, utility, downstairs shower room, conservatory, first floor bathroom, drive-way providing off road parking.

Wednesbury £210,000

NEW
Birmingham Street
A charming period style detached property offering many original features, comprising of: Gas central heating (as specified), two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs WC, first floor bathroom, three bedrooms, master with en-suite, enclosed rear garden, off road parking.

Wednesbury £115,000
NEW
AWAITING PHOTO
Brunswick Park Road
A well maintained two bedroom end-terrace property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, conservatory, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden. Open aspect to Brunswick Park.

Wednesbury £108,995
NEW
AWAITING PHOTO
Kent Road
A well maintained much improved two bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) through lounge, fitted kitchen, first floor re-fitted bathroom, two double bedrooms, enclosed rear garden, drive-way providing off road parking.

Wednesbury £105,000

NEW
Windmill Street
A well maintained two bedroom mid-terrace property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, enclosed rear garden

Wednesbury £135,000
PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

Church Hill
A traditional style extended three double bedrooms, semi-detached property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) through lounge with dining space, fitted kitchen, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden. Open aspect to front. No upward chain.

Wednesbury £84,750

NEW
Manor Road
A two bedroom mid-terrace property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) lounge, breakfast kitchen, downstairs WC, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden. No upward chain.

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West Bromwich £149.999

NEW
Essex Avenue
Connells are pleased to introduce this well presented semi detached property,briefly comprising of 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, conservatory,central heating and double glazing, off road parking, shower room, rear garden, viewing essential Via Connells on 0121 525 1177

West Bromwich £54,950

NEW
Salop Close
Connells introduce this mid terrace property, having one reception room, part double glazing, front and rear gardens. This property does require refurbishment.

West Bromwich £105,000

NEW
Leicester Place
Connells are pleased to introduce this terrace property, briefly comprising of 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom, central heating, double glazing (where specified) front and rear gardens

West Bromwich £110,000

NEW
Stanway Road
Connells are pleased to introduce this mid terrace property, briefly comprising of 3 bedrooms, through lounge, extended fully fitted and modernised kitchen, central heating and double glazing, off road parking, alarmed, front and rear gardens THE VENDOR IS OFFERING 5% DEPOSIT PAID

Handsworth £220,000

NEW
Mary Road
Double fronted property currently being used as an beauticians,residential area briefly comprising of 4 bedrooms,2 reception rooms, kitchen,bathroom, central heating and double glazing, commercial area comprising of shop front area, rear room, toilet facilities and cellar

West Bromwich £119,999

Reduced
Garratt Street
Connells are pleased to introduce this semi detached property, briefly comprising of 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, conservatory, downstairs cloakroom, central heating and double glazing, (where specified) ,garage to the rear of the property, upstairs shower room, front and rear gardens

West Bromwich £144,999

Reduced
Ebrington Road
Connells are pleased to introduce this Beautifully Presented and Modernised Traditional Semi Detached property, Three Bedrooms,Two Reception Rooms, Refitted Bathroom,Extended Kitchen,Front and Rear Gardens,Garage.Viewing is essential to appreciate the standard of accommodation on offe

West Bromwich £129,999

Greswold Street
Connells are pleased to introduce this semi detached property, briefly comprising of 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, central heating and double glazing, upstairs bathroom, front and rear gardens, garage to rear

West Bromwich £299,999

St Augustus Close
Detached property, briefly comprising of 4/5 bedrooms, 1 reception room, dining room, large conservatory, central heating and double glazing, upstairs en-suite, upstairs bathroom, garage has been converted into a 5th bedroom with a shower room, off road parking.

West Bromwich £144,999

Ebrington Road
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NEW

EDWARD FISHER DRIVE, TIPTON

Situated on a popular residential development known as Strandridge Park this is an excellent opportunity for first time buyers interested to acquire a well presented end town house, which benefits from gas fired central heating and double glazing and briefly comprises entrance hall, front lounge, open plan dining kitchen, two bedrooms (master with en suite), house bathroom, off street parking, fore and rear gardens, freehold.

Offers based on £109,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

REDUCED

MCKEAN ROAD, OLDBURY

This deceptively spacious traditional style villa residence is situated in a popular residential locality close to Oldbury Town Centre. The property requires further upgrading but offers good accommodation of two reception rooms, breakfast room, kitchen, three bedrooms, first floor bathroom, gardens fore and rear. Freehold

Offers based on £102,000

Viewing Oldbury Office

MACDONALD CLOSE, OLDBURY

Situated on a popular residential development this excellently presented modern detached offers good accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. Internal inspection is highly recommended and briefly comprises reception hall, front lounge, dining area, fitted kitchen, utility, fitted cloakroom, conservatory, four bedrooms (master with en suite), house bathroom, integral garage, off street parking for at least two cars to front, freehold.

Offers based on £199,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

SPEAKERS CLOSE, TIVIDALE

Situated in a popular and desirable residential locality just off Darbys Hill Road, this modern Bellway detached home offers good family accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. The well planned accommodation includes reception hall, front lounge with feature fireplace, open plan dining kitchen, three good sized bedrooms (master with en suite shower room), house bathroom, garage, well laid out rear garden, freehold.

Offers based on: £169,000

Viewing: Oldbury Office

GOLDENCREST DRIVE, OLDBURY

Situated in a quiet residential cul-de-sac off Dingle Street in the Rounds Green area of Oldbury this superbly presented modern mid town hous requires full inspection to be appreciated. The deceptively spacious accommodation benefits from double glazing and gas fired central heating and includes reception hall, fitted cloakroom, fitted kitchen, spacious rear lounge with double glazed patio doors, three good sized bedrooms, bathroom, off street parking to front, landscaped rear garden, freehold, burglar alarm.

Offers based on £125,000

Viewing: Oldbury Office

DURHAM ROAD, ROWLEY REGIS

Forming an ideal first purchase this excellently presented semi requires full internal inspection to be appreciated. It offers good accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing and comprises hall, fitted kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms, bathroom, gardens to front and side, allocated parking space.

Offers based on £94,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEW

BARCLAY ROAD, BEARWOOD

Delightfully situated directly facing Warley Woods, a most impressive traditional style freehold villa residence offering much improved family accommodation which is gas centrally heated and double glazed throughout, to include three good size bedrooms, well appointed bathroom, through hall, excellent 27ft lounge with feature fireplace, morning room, superb fitted 23ft dining/kitchen and pleasant gardens, having comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand and requiring full internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on £229,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

NEW

LIGHTWOODS ROAD, BEARWOOD

A beautifully presented and deceptively spacious traditional style freehold terraced villa offering PVC double glazed and gas centrally heated accommodation to include three bedrooms, bathroom with mixer shower unit, hallway with impressive original minton tiled floor, dining room, lounge, kitchen and delightfully laid out garden to the rear, located in a popular and established thoroughfare within easy reach of the main Bearwood Road shopping area and enjoying easy access to Birmingham city centre, with internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on £184,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

NEW

HILL TOP ROAD, OLDBURY

A pleasantly situated traditional freehold semi-detached residence offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, bathroom with electric shower, hall, spacious lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs cloakroom, garden to the rear and having the potential for off street parking to the front, with comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand and easy access to Warley Woods and Bearwood shopping centre, but requiring some minor modernisation.

Offers based on £114,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

VENTNOR CLOSE

A most attractively presented, exceptionally convenient and quietly situated modern ground floor maisonette, offering double glazed, fully heated and alarmed accommodation to include two bedrooms, refitted fully tiled and well appointed bathroom with shower, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen and gardens to front and rear, having the benefit of comprehensive day to day amenities close at hand and being ideal for fist time purchasers.

Offers based on £99,750

Viewing: Bearwood Office

HARBORNE ROAD, BEARWOOD

Delightfully situated on high ground in this sought after neighbourhood and commanding truly impressive views over the surrounding areas, to both front and rear, a substantial traditional freehold semi detached residence offering excellent family accommodation with a host of original features and to include four double bedrooms, spacious well appointed bathroom with individual shower, reception hall, lounge, separate dining room, large dining/kitchen and established gardens, incorporating gas central heating, some double glazing and burglar alarm system, direct facing Warley Woods and being within easy reach of comprehensive day to day facilities to include easy access to Birmingham city centre.

Offers based on: £339,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

REGINALD ROAD

A beautifully presented and pleasantly situated traditional style freehold villa residence located in this popular neighbourhood within easy reach of Bearwood High Street, offering gas centrally heated and mostly PVC double glazed accommodation to include two double bedrooms, bathroom with electric shower, hall, dining room, lounge, kitchen and neatly laid out garden to the rear, having comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand, providing easy access to Birmingham city centre and ideally suited for first time buyers with internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on £114,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

VALENTINE ROAD, OLDBURY

Located in this popular neighbourhood within easy reach of comprehensive day-to-day amenities, a traditional style freehold semi-detached style end town house offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, bathroom, hall, spacious lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, garden to the rear and having potential off-street parking for two cars to the front, being ideally suited for first time buyers and with internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on £119,950

Viewing via Bearwood Office

BIRCH ROAD, OLDBURY

Situated in this popular location a modern link detached property being close to both the Wolverhampton Road and Hagley Road West at Quinton, offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, bathroom, hall, spacious lounge, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs cloakroom, ground floor shower room, garage and neatly laid out garden to the rear, having the benefit of off-street parking to the front for up to four cars, with comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand and providing ideal family accommodation.

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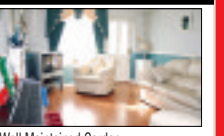
Tudor Street, Winson Green



- An End of Terrace Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Beautifully Presented
- Well Maintained Garden
- Parking to the Rear
- Must be Viewed

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Merrivale Road, Bearwood

- A Most Attractive Terrace Property
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- Original Features
- No Chain

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Mill Lane, Bartley Green

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- Good Size Rear Garden
- No Upward Chain

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Abbey Road, Bearwood

- An Ideally Situated Semi
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- Three Bedrooms
- Potential to Extend

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Sandon Road,

- Traditional Semi-Detached Property
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- Five Double Bedrooms
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the region of £289,950

Francis Road, Smethwick

- A Delightful End Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Spacious Breakfast Kitchen
- Off Road Parking

Offers in the region of £114,950

Reginald Road, Bearwood

- An Extensively Renovated Terrace
- Contemporary Design Throughout
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Private Rear Garden

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Clifford Road, Bearwood

- Immaculate Two Bedroom Terrace
- Two Seperate Reception Rooms
- Attractive Kitchen
- No Chain

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Arden Road, Smethwick

- Traditional Terrace Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Original Features
- Ideal FTB Purchase

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Bishopton Road,

- An Attractive Mid Terrace
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- No Upward Chain

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Katherine Road, Bearwood

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- Thoughfully Decorated Throughout
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- Two Double Bedrooms

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Maynard Road, Edgbaston

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- Two Bedrooms
- Ideal Investment Opportunity
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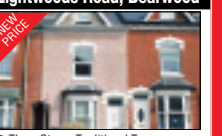

- Three Storey Traditional Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
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- No Upward Chain

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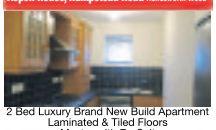

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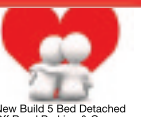

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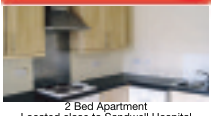

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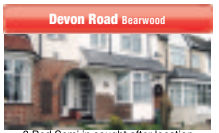

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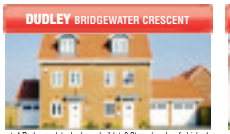

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AN ideal property for first-time buyers or couples looking to downsize has come onto the market in Willenhall.

The semi-detached two-bedroomed home in Rosewood Drive, on the popular Coppice Farm estate, has gas fired central heating, uPVC double glazing and allocated parking, and is on the market with Fraser Wood for £107,500 with no chain.

Situated at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac, the house is on the doorstep of schools and shops and is within easy reach of Walsall, Wolverhampton and the M6.

A uPVC double-glazed front door opens into an entrance hallway, with a door leading off to the 10ft 3in x 13ft 3in lounge, which has a gas fire with surround, dado rail and understairs storage cupboard. From here, a door leads to the kitchen, where there is a range of fitted wall and base units, an inset sink, gas hob and electric oven with extractor fan, plumbing for a washing machine and wood laminate flooring.

Upstairs, the main bedroom measures 8ft 10in x 10ft 3in and has built-in wardrobes with overhead storage. There is a further bedroom and bathroom, which has a suite comprising a WC, wash basin and shower cubicle.

Outside, the property is set back from the road behind a lawned foregarden, path to the front door and side access to the rear garden, which is also accessed from the kitchen. There is also allocated parking at the front of the house.

To the rear, there is a garden with a lawn, paved patio and large wooden shed.

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SAVVY homebuyers in Sedgley are flocking to new build developers to take advantage of a scheme that can move them up the property chain.

According to housebuilder Morris – the developer behind Eden Fields, off Wolverhampton Road East – smart homebuyers are now looking to new build homes for quick and easy moves.

Julie Smith, regional sales director for Morris, says: "The current sluggish second hand housing market means that many homebuyers in Sedgley are finding themselves stuck in a chain and unable to sell their existing home.

"With Morris' part exchange scheme, homebuyers are safe in the knowledge that their home is guaranteed a buyer without the hassle of waiting for a current house to be snapped up."

Exchange

Morris' part exchange scheme enables homeowners to sell their existing house to the housebuilder for 100 per cent of its market value and is available on a range of three and four bedroom properties at the Eden Fields development starting from £184,750.

The housebuilder is also offering a range of tailor-made schemes to help ease the hassle of moving home including fitted carpets and curtains in a selection of properties.

For more information, visit the sales office (open Thursday to Monday between 9.30 am and 4.30pm) at Eden Fields, Wolverhampton Road East, Sedgley, WV4 6GB; call 01902 880938 or visit **www.morrishomes.co.uk/eden-fields/**

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£217,000

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Extended traditional town house within popular residential location. Replacement double glazing and gas central heating. Entrance hall, sitting room, breakfast kitchen, shower room, lounge, conservatory, four bedrooms, bathroom, rear gardenm parking space. Internal inspection recommended

£164,950

FERGUSON ROAD, OLDBURY

Traditional semi-detached house having been modernised to the highest of standards throughout. Replacement double glazing, gas central heating, entrance hall, lounge, conservatory, breakfast kitchen, wet room/shower room, three bedrooms, bathroom, landscaped gardens, parking space. No upward chain. Internal inspection highly recommended.

£134,950

ROSEFIELD ROAD, SMETHWICK

Traditional terraced house having the benefit of replacement double glazing and gas central heating. Lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms, rear garden. Situated in a popular residential location.

£119,950

QUEENS DRIVE, ROWLEY REGIS

Deceptively spacious modern detached house having been improved and maintained to the highest of standards throughout. Having the benefit of replacement double glazing and gas central heating. Popular residential location. Accommodation briefly comprising; reception all, cloakroom, spacious lounge, dining room, re-fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, garage, off road parking, landscaped rear garden.

£167,000

PRYOR ROAD, OLDBURY

Superbly presented and tastefully decorated traditional semi-detached house having been modernised to the highest of standards in recent years. Replacement double glazing and gas central heating. Internal inspection highly recommended. Lounge, Re-fitted Dining Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Forecourt Parking, Established Rear Garden.

£124,950

CALIFORNIA ROAD, TIVIDALE

Traditional semi-detached house in popular residental location. Having been modernised in recent years with the benefit of remote control lighting, replacement double glazing and gas central heating. Entrance hall, lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, two bedrooms, bathroom with spa bath, forecourt parking, rear garden. Internal inspection highly recommended.

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WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, OLDBURY

Traditional semi-detached house conveniently situated with the benefit of gas central heating and double glazing. Accommodation briefly comprising; entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, forecourt parking, rear garden. No upward chain.

£105,000

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£650 pcm

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£600 pcm

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£595 pcm

BROADMOOR AVENUE, SMETHWICK

Three bedroomed terrace, offering double glazing, central heating, lounge, re-fitted dining kitchen, utility room, re-fitted bathroom, rear garden, off road parking/

£595 pcm

CROSSWELLS ROAD, OLDBURY

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★TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★FITTED KITCHEN ★SHOWER ROOM
★REAR GARDEN

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£90,000 NEW

★THREE BEDROOMED ★TERRACED
★TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★FITTED KITCHEN ★SHOWER ROOM
★FAMILY BATHROOM★REAR GARDEN
★FRONT DRIVEWAY ★OFF ROAD PARKING

WALLACE ROAD, TIVIDALE

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★ BATHROOM ★ REAR GARDEN
★ OFF ROAD PARKING

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£110,000

★ TWO BEDROOMS ★TERRACED
★LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN
★BATHROOM ★FRONT & REAR GARDENS
★ALLOCATED PARKING

HURST ROAD, SMETHWICK

£118,000 NEW

★THREE BEDROOM ★MID TERRACED
★THROUGH LOUNGE ★KITCHEN
★BATHROOM ★FRONT DRIVEWAY

CROSS STREET,OLDBURY

£119,000 NEW

★THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS
★TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★FITTED KITCHEN
★FITTED BATHROOM
★REAR GARDEN

ST MATHEWS ROAD, OLDBURY

£127,000 NEW

★THREE/FOUR BEDROOMS
★EXTENDED DETACHED
★TWO RECEPTION ROOMS ★STUDY
★FITTED KITCHEN ★GUEST W.C.
★OFF ROAD PARKING ★ GARAGE

DARBY ROAD, OLDBURY

£129,000 NEW

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ SEMI
★ LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ FRONT AND REAR GARDENS
OFF ROAD PARKING

ASCOT CLOSE, OLDBURY

£129,950 NEW

★ THREE BEDROOM ★ SEMI DETACHED
★ LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ REAR GARDEN ★ FRONT DRIVEWAY
★ OFF ROAD PARKING ★ GARAGE

MACDONALD CLOSE, TIVIDALE

£129,995 NEW

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ END TERRACED
★ SHOWER ROOM ★ LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ UTILITY AREA ★ CONSERVATORY
★ MASTER EN-SUITE ★ FRONT DRIVEWAY
★ OFF ROAD PARKING ★ GARAGE

SALOP STREET, OLDBURY

£149,950 NEW

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ ENTENDED END TERRACED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS ★ FITTED KITCHEN/DINER
★ SIDE EXTENSION
★ OFF ROAD PARKING ★ FRONT DRIVEWAY

BRANDHALL ROAD, OLDBURY

£165,000 NEW

★THREE BEDROOM ★DETACHED
★LOUNGE/DINER ★FITTED KITCHEN
★GUEST W.C. ★BATHROOM
★FRONT AND REAR GARDEN
★OFF ROAD PARKING ★SIDE GARAGE

TRAFALGAR ROAD, TIVIDALE

£179,950

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ DETACHED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS ★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ UTILITY AREA ★ GUEST W.C.
★ OFF ROAD PARKING ★ GARAGE

WAKEMAN DRIVE, TIVIDALE

£185,000 NEW

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ DETACHED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS ★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ CONSERVATORY ★ GUEST W.C.
★ OFF ROAD PARKING ★ GARAGE

WINDSOR ROAD, OLDBURY

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Three Bedrooms Two Receptions
Breakfast Kitchen Shower Room
Utility Room Bathroom
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VIEW POINT, TIVIDALE

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★ THREE BEDROOM DETACHED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★ GUEST W.C. ★ CONSERVATORY
★ FAMILY BATHROOM ★ GARAGE
★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ OFF ROAD PARKING

CALLAGHAN DRIVE, TIVIDALE

£214,950 NEW

★FOUR BEDROOM
★DETACHED PROPERTY
★THROUGH LOUNGE★ FITTED KITCHEN
★FRONT DRIVEWAY ★GARAGE
★MUST BE VIEWED.

WEST PARK ROAD, SMETHWICK

£339,950 NEW

★FOUR BEDROOM★TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★EXTENDED KITCHEN DINER
★SHOWER ROOM ★BATHROOM
★SIDE GARAGE ★REAR GARDEN

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OLDBURY

Barnford Crescent

An opportunity to acquire an extremely spacious, thoughtfully improved and extended 3 bedroomed traditional style semi detached property set within this popular, sought after neighbourhood, having double glazing, radiator heating and briefly comprising :- Porch, entrance hall, attractive lounge, separate sitting room, super extended and re-fitted dining kitchen (with range of integrated appliances), useful side store, utility (with w.c., off), 3 bedrooms, attractive bathroom, off road parking and pleasant good sized rear garden. Viewing ESSENTIAL, to be fully appreciated. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £165,000

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Meadow Court

A rare opportunity to acquire a delightfully presented, spacious, comprehenively improved 2 bedroomed apartment most conveniently situated upon this popular development, truly requiring an internal inspection to fully appreciate the superb accommodation on offer, approached via a communal entrance and breifly comprising :- Entrance hall (with intercom receiver), delightful spacious lounge with dining area, feature balcony providing pleasant outlook, super re-fitted kitchen (having fine range of quality integrated appliances), 2 good sized double bedrooms (master with shower room en-suite) attractive family bathroom, and allocated parking space. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

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Mansion Crescent

A deceptively spacious, thoughtfully improved 3 bedroomed intermediate family home having majority double glazing, gas radiator heating and briefly comprising :- Entrance vestibule, attractive spacious lounge, super re-fitted kitchen, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom and pleasant rear garden. Internal inspection highly recommended. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £145,000

OLDBURY

Warley Road

A spacious, well presented and thoughtfully improved, 3 bedroomed semi detached property conveniently situated, having gas radiator heating, double glazing, truly requiring an internal inspection and briefly comprising :- Entrance vestibule, delightful spacious through lounge, super re-fitted dining kitchen (with oven/hob), rear vestibule area (having downstairs w.c., off), 3 bedrooms (beds 1 and 2 with fitted wardrobes), attractive house bathroom, off road parking and pleasant good sized rear garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

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SMETHWICK

Greenfield Road

A well proportioned, deceptively spacious 3 bedroomed semi detached property requiring internal inspection, having gas radiator heating and briefly comprising :- Porch, entrance hall, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking and pleasant rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

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OLDBURY

George Road

A deceptively spacious, well proportioned 2 bedroomed intermediate terraced property conveniently situated for local amenities and facilities, having majority double glazing, gas radiator heating, requiring internal inspection and briefly comprising :- Front reception room, rear reception room, attractive kitchen, 2 good sized bedrooms, bathroom and pleasant garden. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

oFFERS AROUND £104,950

SMETHWICK

Florence Road

A rare opportunity to acquire an extremely spacious, considerably improved and extended 6 BEDROOMED family home offering flexible living accommodation throughout and truly requiring an internal inspection. Having double glazing, gas radiator heating and comprising :- Entrance hall (with w.c off), delightful lounge, sitting room, fitted kitchen (having oven/hob), spacious conservatory/garden room, dining room, fitted utility/kitchen (with oven/hob), downstairs shower room, 6 good sized bedrooms (master having shower room en-suite and bed 2 with bathroom en-suite), super house bathroom, DOUBLE GARAGE (with additioanl fitted kitchen area at the rear), and pleasant rear garden. MUST BE VIEWED. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

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OLDBURY

Farm Avenue

Delightfully presented, spacious, considerably improved 3 bedroomed traditional style semi-detached property occupying a pleasant cul-de-sac position, having gas radiator heating, double glazing, truly requiring internal inspection and briefly comprising: porch, entrance hall, delightful lounge, fitted kitchen/dining area, archway to super conservatory, 3 bedrooms (all with fitted wardrobes), refitted shower room, off road parking and pleasant rear garden. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

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BEARWOOD

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Deceptively spacious, well proportioned 2/3 bedroomed intermediate terraced property most conveniently situated for all local shopping facilities available within Bearwood town centre. The property requires internal inspection and briefly comprises :- Entrance vestibule, front reception room, spacious rear reception room with archway to attractive kitchen, rear vestibule area, downstairs bathroom, 2/3 bedrooms and pleasant rear garden. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £119,950

2011 Compass pointing a way forward for Jeep

COUPLED with interior refinements, and improved ride and handling characteristics in all conditions – courtesy of upgraded steering and suspension systems – the new Jeep Compass offers a blend of premium styling, capability, efficiency and value in the compact-SUV segment.

"With the new 2011 Jeep Compass, we've applied the premium design cues of our award-winning new Grand Cherokee," says Mike Manley, President and CEO — Jeep Brand, Chrysler Group LLC. "Combined with new interior appointments, and refinements to the suspension and steering systems, Jeep Compass provides consumers with the ultimate combination of styling, capability, fuel economy, efficiency, safety and value in the important compact-SUV segment."

The 2011 Jeep Compass has more than 30 safety and security features, including standard side-curtain air bags, electronic stability control (ESC), electronic roll mitigation, Hill-start Assist (with manual transmission), side curtain air bags front and rear, and available front-seat-mounted side air bags.

The new 2011 Jeep Compass has a distinct family resemblance to the all-new, premium 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee.

With a new bonnet, new front bumpers, new front valence and new headlamps as well as a new grille that has been detailed with chrome surrounding the traditional seven slots found on all Jeep vehicles, the new face of the Compass features a more serious, yet sophisticated, appearance. Lighting performance is improved with the use of quad reflector headlamps, and the fog lamps are now high output projector lamps.

A band of protective cladding has been added for 2011, serving to fend off debris when driving in challenging weather conditions or off-road, and providing a new appearance.

This trend continues with enhancements to the rear of the Compass. A new rear valence, new body-colour rear spoiler, and subtle, upscale touches including new LED taillamps, and on the Limited model, bright trim on the kick plates and a chrome exhaust, adorn the new 2011 Jeep Compass. Topping it off, a new set of roof rails have been designed with a slimmed down appearance and a small amount of brightwork. The 2011 Compass sports new, standard 17-inch alloy wheels, and 18-inch alloy wheels are also available.

Interior upgrades for the Compass include new soft touch front-door trim panels with a padded upper surface; a new centre armrest; a new steering wheel with integrated controls that allows drivers to operate the radio, cruise control, available handsfree phone and other vehicle functions while keeping their hands on the wheel; new cloth interior with premium cloth bucket seats in the front; standard Cruise Control on all models; new backlighting of door switches, door locks, windows and power mirror controls.

The new 2011 Jeep Compass offers an array of clever features including navigation with iPod interface, a premium audio system with nine Boston Acoustic speakers, power sunroof, illuminated cup holders, and fold-flat rear seats are some of the available features that make the Compass the ideal compact SUV, enabling consumers to enjoy any adventure.

It also features Freedom Drive I – a full-time, active four-wheel-drive system with lock mode, designed to give drivers year-round assurance with the ability to handle rough weather and low-traction conditions. This active four-wheel-drive system is designed specifically for daily use, and is particularly useful in slick conditions that come with rain and light snow. Freedom Drive I also features a lockable centre coupling, giving drivers the ability to put the Jeep Compass in four-wheel-drive lock mode to handle deep snow, sand and other low-traction surfaces.

Compass features a 2.0-litre petrol World Engine that provides 158 horsepower (117 kW) and 141 lb.-ft. (191 Nm) of torque.

The new 2011 Jeep Compass offers a clever array of features

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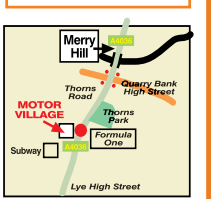

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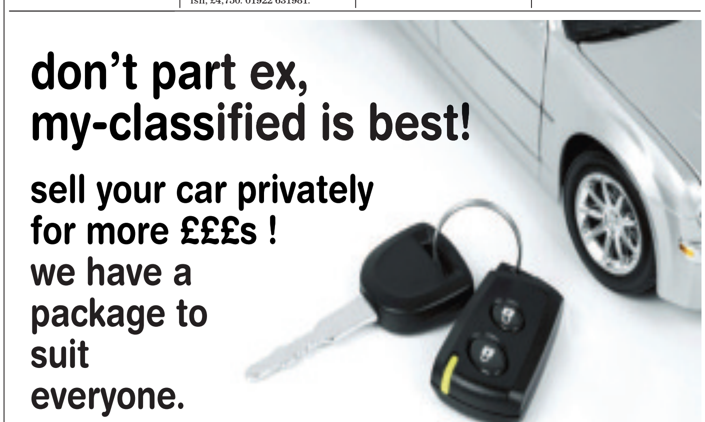

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THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (HARBORNE ROAD, OLDBURY) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE AND SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY) ORDER 2011

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, has made an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in Harborne Road, Oldbury, from its junction with Hagley Road West to its junction with Devon Road.
2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via Hagley Road West, Beechwood Road and Devon Road.
3. Throughout the duration of the Order, the provisions of The County Borough of Warley (Harborne Road) Traffic Regulation Order, 1966 shall be suspended.
4. The purpose and reason for the Order is to facilitate works associated with the Hagley Road West (A456)/ Wolverhampton Road (A4123) Junction Improvement Scheme.
5. The Order will take effect on 16th April 2011, and it is anticipated that the works may commence on that day. The works are expected to be completed on 30th November 2011. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
6. Any queries about the works to take place should be directed to Tim Embrey of Birmingham City Council on telephone number 08967 221205. Any queries about the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Keith Sansom, Traffic and Road Safety Manager, Environment House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich B70 8RU (Telephone 0121 569 4149).

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (VAISAKHI PROCESSION, SMETHWICK) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES) ORDER 2011 CLOSURE OF STREETS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 12th April 2011 the Borough Council of Sandwell in exercise of its powers provided by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and having obtained consent from the Secretary of State for Transport pursuant to Section 16B(6)(b) of the said Act and of all other enabling powers made the following Order:-

1. No person shall cause any vehicle to proceed along the following lengths of roads on Sunday 24th April 2011:-
   (i) High Street (B4169) from its junction with Stony Lane to its junction with High Street (A4030).
   (ii) High Street (A4030) from its junction with High Street (B4169) to its junction with Tollhouse Way (A457).
   (iii) Tollhouse Way (A457) from its junction with Crocketts Lane to its junction with Fenton Street.
   (iv) Rolfe Street (B4135) from its junction with Tollhouse Way (A457) to its junction with Rabone Lane (B4136).
   (v) Rabone Lane (B4136) from its junction with Rolfe Street (B4135) to its junction with Booth Street (B4136).
   (vi) Booth Street (B4136) from its junction with Rabone Lane (B4136) to the Borough Boundary.
2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via Fenton Street, St Pauls Road, Holly Lane, Manor Road, Church Road, Bearwood Road, High Street and vice versa.
3. The Council is satisfied that traffic on the road should be prohibited for the purpose of facilitating the holding of a relevant event, enabling members of the public to watch a relevant event or reducing the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by a relevant event, that being the holding of the Vaisakhi procession.
4. The provisions of the Order shall not apply to:-
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   (c) Anything done with the permission or at the direction of a constable in uniform.
5. The provisions of the Order shall cease to have effect after a period of three days from the date it comes into force, unless the Secretary of State for Transport has directed it may continue in force for a further period of 3 days from the day on which it would otherwise cease to be in force.

DATED this 14th day of April 2011
N SHARMA, Director of Legal and Governance Services
Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (HARBORNE ROAD, OLDBURY) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE AND SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY) ORDER 2011

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, has made an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in Harborne Road, Oldbury, from its junction with Hagley Road West to its junction with Devon Road.
2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via Hagley Road West, Beechwood Road and Devon Road.
3. Throughout the duration of the Order, the provisions of The County Borough of Warley (Harborne Road) Traffic Regulation Order, 1966 shall be suspended.
4. The purpose and reason for the Order is to facilitate works associated with the Hagley Road West (A456)/ Wolverhampton Road (A4123) Junction Improvement Scheme.
5. The Order will take effect on 16th April 2011, and it is anticipated that the works may commence on that day. The works are expected to be completed on 30th November 2011. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
6. Any queries about the works to take place should be directed to Tim Embrey of Birmingham City Council on telephone number 08967 221205. Any queries about the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Keith Sansom, Traffic and Road Safety Manager, Environment House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich, B70 8RU (Telephone 0121 569 4149).

DATED this 14th day of April 2011
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1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell intends, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in a south westerly direction in Titford Road, Oldbury, between its junctions with Old Park Lane/Broad Street and Wolverhampton Road. This will have the effect of temporarily making part of Titford Road a one-way road.
2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via Broad Street, High Street, Langley Green Road, Causeway Green Road and Wolverhampton Road.
3. The purpose and reason for the Order is to facilitate major water main rehabilitation works.
4. The Order will take effect on 2nd May 2011, and it is anticipated that the works may commence on that day. The works are expected to be completed on 5th June 2011. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
5. Any queries about the works to take place should be directed to Adam Farthing of UPLS on behalf of South Staffs Water on telephone number 0121 521 2820. Any queries about the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Keith Sansom, Traffic and Road Safety Manager, Environment House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich, B70 8RU (Telephone 0121 569 4149).

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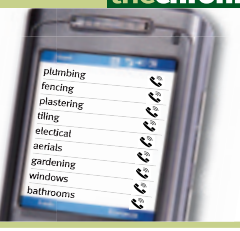

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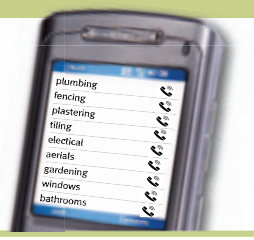

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Young and old limber up for new season

HUNDREDS of athletes from across the country basked in the sun as they prepared for the new season with an open event in Tipton.

Young and old limbered up for future summer competitions at Tipton Sports Academy on Sunday.

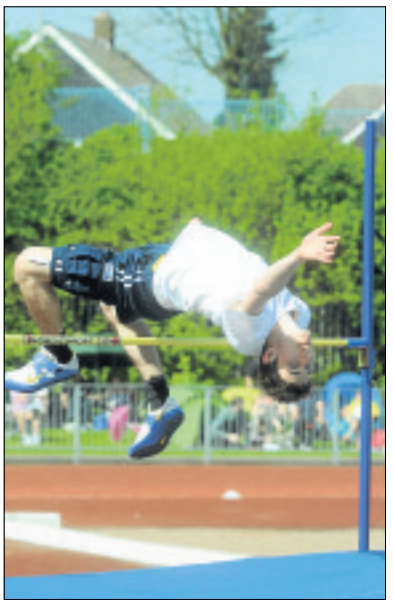
Just under 480 athletes from across the UK including the Midlands, London and Wales took part in sprints, jumps and throwing events. They ranged in age from eight to a 90-year-old who does the long jump and shot.

It is the 13th staging by Tipton Harriers Athletics in Wednesbury Oak Road. Organiser Marg Cherrington said that it was one of the first opportunities of the year for emerging talent to take to the track and field.

"It is the start of the athletics season and it is a chance to help get themselves prepared," she said.

Among those taking part was Jamie Fitzpatrick, from Solihull and Small Heath Athletics Club. The 18-year-old high jumper said: "After winter training it is good to come to Tipton to see how well you are doing."

Darlaston high jumper Martin Cherrington, a 22-year-old sign maker and window cleaner, said: "It is good for the youngsters to experience what a major competition can be like."



Jamie Fitzpatrick, of Solihull, in the high jump

The senior men's 100m sprint at the Tipton games

Eagles maul the sad Brummies

BIRMINGHAM suffered a thumping 66-24 defeat at Elite League title hopefuls Eastbourne on Saturday.

Graham Drury's men were put to the sword by an Eagles team who made it three wins on the trot at their Arlington track. They had already disposed of Wolverhampton and Belle Vue.

From the moment Lukas Dryml was allowed back in the rerun of the first race despite – to Brummies eyes – clearly causing the stoppage, things went against the visitors.

To rub salt into Birmingham's wounds, he won the rerun and partnered Bjarne Pedersen for a maximum over Ales Dryml with an angry Kryzsztof Kasprzak trailing at the back.

Ben Barker and Daniel Nermark both suffered falls in the first half of the meeting but were able to pick themselves up and continue.

And both Danny King and Kasprzak were used as tactical rides but failed to beat an Eastbourne rider for double points.

EASTBOURNE: Joonas Kylmakorpi 13+2, Lukas Dryml 12, Simon Gustafsson 12, Lewis Bridger 11+1, Bjarne Pedersen 8+2, Cameron Woodward 6+3, Lubos Tomicek 4+2

BIRMINGHAM: Ben Barker 6, Sam Masters 4+2, Daniel King 4+1, Daniel Nermark, Ales Dryml 3, Krzysztof Kasprzak 2+1, Kyle Hughes 1.

BIRMINGHAM Bulls opened their season with a hugely impressive 60-35 win over the USA Tourists at Perry Barr.

It was a solid all-round performance from Phil Morris' side with Tim Webster top scoring on 13+1 as the tourists launched their UK schedule.

Veteran Eddie Castro carded 16 for the visitors and former Middlesborough man 'Uncle' Doug Nicol managed seven.

There was also an emotional return to Perry Barr for Shawn McConnell, the only rider currently still in action from the Brummies era of the 80s, who scored 5+1.

BIRMINGHAM 60: Tim Webster 13+1, Paul Starke 13, Ben Reade 9+2, Jack Hargreaves 9+1, Tom Perry 7+2, Darryl Ritchings 5+2, Brendan Johnson 4+1.

USA TOURING TEAM 35: Eddie Castro 16, Doug Nicol 7, Shawn McConnell 5+1, Joey Holt 4, Mike Buman 3, Jim Terchila 0, Marvin Sonnier 0, Dylan Black 0.

Mitchell rescues a draw

DUDLEY TOWN 2 BUSTLEHOLME 2

BATTLING Bustleholme picked up a point from their West Midlands Premier trip to Dudley – despite being forced to play centre-half Iain Bevan in goal.

Keeper Neil Page was injured in the midweek cup win over Tividale and the visitors were also missing skipper Adam Wattley.

The game kicked into life on 20 minutes when home keeper Matt Rodgers made a solid save from Ryan Trumpeter.

But it was Dudley who took the lead when Geoff Hill waltzed through and gave keeper Bevan no chance.

On the half-hour Bustleholme pulled level when Matty Jukes headed Trumpeter's corner against the bar only for Chris Wattley to finish from close range.

Best chance of the second half fell to the visitors when Jukes was denied from six yards by ex-Bustleholme keeper Rodgers.

And it was another former Bustleholme player Danny Bell who put Dudley back in front with a well-taken header from a corner from Anthony Cox.

Cox could have extended the lead 10 minutes from time but shot too high.

Just as time seemed to be running out for the visitors substitute Ryan Mitchell, promoted from the youth team, levelled from a Trumpeter cross.

With just a minute remaining Connor Gater's shot for the home side bounced off both posts.

And there was still time for Hill to see red for a second bookable offence.

Collins is head boy now for happy Villa

THE relieved look on Gerard Houllier's face said it all – these were a vital three points for Villa.

They are not out of the woods yet but this victory could well prove to be the most important of the season, and certainly when Houllier looks back on the campaign he may well single this game out as the most significant of his short managerial tenure at Villa Park.

VILLA 1
NEWCASTLE UTD 0

Villa have dropped more points from a winning position than anyone else in the Premier League and statistically speaking they would be in the running for a Champions League place had they shown this kind of backbone more often.

Against Newcastle, the claret and blues also put their recent defensive woes behind them and notched up their first clean sheet since January 22.

In what was largely a scrappy game Villa were generally the better side and whereas a few weeks ago you felt they would have pressed the self-destruct button and leaked a late goal here they were resolute, resilient and disciplined.

The result left Villa five points above the drop zone and if this newfound belief can be sustained until the end of the season we may all wonder what all the fuss over relegation was about.

Much of that has to do with the return to form and fitness of James Collins and Richard Dunne.

They have largely attracted headlines for the wrong reasons this season so credit where it is due that against Newcastle they gave an indication that they may survive Houllier's cull in the summer.

Dunne seems to be the most at risk out of the duo but if the Ireland international continues to put in displays of this defensive quality and show the right attitude then he may well have a future at Villa beyond the 2010/11 campaign.

This result also does much to alleviate the pressure on Houllier who, for his faults this season, has refused to throw in the towel.

He has been the target of criticism – some deserved, some not – but one thing Houllier has shown is his passion and desire to see the Villa job through.

Philosophy

The ideas and philosophy he has perhaps tried to integrate into the club too rapidly are now slowly being borne out in performances on the pitch.

Certainly the fitness levels of his Villa side are vastly improved compared to earlier in the season and, with a virtually fully fit squad to choose from, there is growing sense of optimism that the season can end on a positive note.

With his top button undone and his club tie loosened, Houllier – speaking in the press conference afterwards – certainly seemed a man much more at ease with life.

The opening stages were played at a lively pace and the visitors put the Villa defence under pressure when Joey Barton launched a long diagonal ball aimed at Nile Ranger but goalkeeper Brad Friedel was alert enough to come off his line to collect the ball.

Newcastle should have been ahead five minutes later when Jonas Gutierrez broke down the left-flank and picked out Barton at the back post but his header went high and wide.

Villa struggled to settle into the game and guile of Gutierrez created a chance for Ranger who saw his low shot from a tight angle well saved by Friedel.

But the tension turned to elation in the 24th minute when Villa broke the deadlock after Ashley Young won a dubious free-kick under a challenge from Barton.

The Villa winger then swung in a curling ball from the set-piece and Collins stole a yard to direct a glancing header past the despairing dive of Steve Harper.

James Collins wheels away in delight after putting Villa in front

Late goal by Brown saves a vital point

TIPTON TOWN 1 DUNKIRK 1

TIPTON battled back from a goal down to earn a point against Dunkirk following a spirited second-half fightback.

As bad as Tipton were in the first half, they made up for it after the interval and laid siege on the visitors' goal, Ross Brown levelling with six minutes left.

With the news that nearest Midland Alliance challengers Coalville Town had lost at home to Westfields, it could prove to be a vital point for Tipton.

The top two meet at Coalville on Saturday.

Leading scorer Jozsef Jakab was missing from the line-up with Danny Campbell taking his place, youngster Ryan Mullings coming on to the bench.

Dunkirk bossed the first half, Reece Bertram stamping his authority on the game early on.

Jarrod Westcarr missed the target from close range while Tipton's Lee Osbourne was denied by Jake Want.

The opening goal arrived after just 10 minutes. A free-kick was pumped into the Tipton box and Matt Sargeant's punch saw the ball land to Daniel Elliott 30 yards out. He hooked the ball back in and it found the net.

Tipton had the chance to level almost immediately when Marcus Jackson's mishit corner found its way to Brown but the defender screwed his shot wide.

Magnificent

In first-half stoppage time Dunkirk nearly got a second when Westcarr broke down the right and crossed for Shannon Grant who planted a header goalwards only to be denied by a magnificent Sargeant save.

Tipton received the proverbial roasting at the break and the reaction was clear.

Campbell was denied by the keeper from a near-post header after Jackson had picked him out and Osbourne flicked the ball just off target with a clever effort.

Set-pieces looked to be Tipton's way back into the game with the height of Brown causing problems.

A second-half flare-up raised tempers but Tipton levelled when Brown headed in Jackson's corner.

Babas move to third

BIRMINGHAM BARBARIANS 38 WOLVERHAMPTON 17

THE Babas moved upto third place in their Midlands Merit League table with a comprehensive demolition of Wolverhampton thirds at Moor Lane, Perry Barr.

The floodgates opened after 12 minutes with a smart break from Dave Wilson in the visitors' 22metre area. Lee Lamburn added the extras and eight minutes later the hosts crossed again with Richard Lamburn touching down after a flowing three-quarter move.

On the half-hour mark Lamburn grabbed his second try with a jinking run from his own half. Brother Lee converted to leave it 19-0 at the break.

Twenty minutes into the second half the Babas' dominance paid off with winger Craig Smith powering over in the corner and on 63 minutes a fine pop pass by Gareth Lister set Reece Fletcher free to score under the posts from 55 metres. Lamburn's conversion made it 31-0.

Two minutes later Steve Boland intercepted from 70 yards for the Babas' sixth converted try.

A flurry of late substitutions saw Wolverhampton reduce the arrears with three tries.

The Barbarians' under-16 side, playing only their second game, were brought down with a bump after losing 57-7 to a well drilled Spartans team.

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McDermott roasts Lamb to take bowls title

LIVERPOOL'S Dave McDermott produced a terrific performance to lift the Midlands' top crown green bowls title, the CCF Open at West Bromwich Supporters Club.

A large crowd turned out on Sunday to see the former Spring Waterloo champion lift the title with a comfortable 21-10 victory against Coventry's Paul Lamb.

It was only McDermott's second shot at the competition but his fine form secured him the £1,000 winner's cheque.

McDermott started with a difficult match against Darren Plenderleith and a break of five in the middle of a tight game proved crucial as he eased through 21-17.

With the surprise first round exit of favourites Graeme Wilson, Peter Farmer, John Bailey and Kerry Morris he faced the new favourite Preston's Simon Coupe in his next match.

In a game of high quality the two were never separated by more than a couple of shots until McDermott produced two doubles at the end of the game to clock out a 21-17 winner.

Wales' Kevin Jones gave McDermott a real scare. The latter was 19-16 up and lying game when a fortuitous strike from Jones left himself shot.

Jones then led 20-19 only for a relieved McDermott to finish the game with a fine double.

Gears

In the semi-final he was pitched against another former Waterloo champion Andrew Moss from Shropshire and trailed 9-5 before going through the gears to win 21-14.

In the other half of the draw Lamb gave some confident displays. He started slowly after missing practice and trailed 7-1 to outsider Paul Fellows but moved through 21-15.

In his second game he allowed Shropshire county star Clay Flattley just seven shots before winning arguably the match of the day against Cumbria's Graham Law.

Lamb's excellent striking kept him in the game twice before yet another strike gave him a 21-20 win over his stunned opponent.

His semi-final against Yorkshire's Ian Booth turned out to be more comfortable.

Booth had disposed of the last local hope, West Brom Labour's Kirk Stevens, who had battled to the last to put away two illustrious opponents in John Bailey and Gavin Dunkley, both 21-20.

But Lamb was a confident winner in the semi, 21-14.

In the final McDermott opened u a 10-shot lead and although Lamb claimed the next four shots he could get no closer.

McDermott now goes forward to the prestigious Champion of Champion event held at the Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool in October.

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Jonas Olsson slides in to deny Sunderland forward Asamoah Gyan in Albion's superb 3-2 victory at the Stadium of Light

We're strong says happy manager

ALBION boss Roy Hodgson hailed his team for retaining the strength to fight back and win from 2-1 down.

"When you go behind, in particular after working well to get back in the game at 1-1, and Bardsley scores a goal like that, you can be forgiven for thinking it isn't going to be your day," he said.

"At 1-1 I thought we'd got back into the game, more than deservedly, and we were suddenly 2-1 down.

"If you're a poor team you lose your shape and lose discipline and belief.

"But if you're strong enough – as we were – to keep it then you have the chance to turn it around.

Confidence

Sunderland counterpart Steve Bruce reckoned his side had been "all over the place" for part of the second half.

"That sums our last few weeks up. It's an unbelievable thing, confidence," he said.

"You can see West Brom, a couple of results go for them and all of a sudden they are very, very confident in what they are doing compared to us.

"I would have thought Phil's goal would have given everybody a lift, it was a wonderful strike.

"But we went 10, 15, 20 minutes in the second half when we were all over the place again, which cost us."

Baggies midfielder Paul Scharner strikes home the winning goal with 18 minutes remaining

Simon Cox celebrates after Scharner's goal secured all three points for the Baggies

Comeback caps off a perfect day

CARLSBERG don't do day trips. But, if they did, they would be something like Albion's super Saturday at Sunderland.

Free coach travel, wonderful Wearside weather and a thrilling 90 minutes with a glorious ending made it a dream day for almost 3,000 travelling Baggies.

Two brilliant team goals, a rousing second-half display and a hatful of records ensured it was extra-special.

And, to make it a perfect afternoon, victory left Roy Hodgson's revitalised side within touching distance of Premier League safety.

Winning at Arsenal was historic and drawing at Old Trafford momentous.

But for excitement, pride and wider significance to the future of their club, away days do not get any better than this.

Hodgson might have asked for even more, because the latest huge win of his astonishing Baggies revolution borrowed plenty from the Tony Mowbray and Roberto Di Matteo manual.

The new Baggies gaffer likes his wins with a little less risk and fewer twists than his two immediate Hawthorns predecessors.

Survival

Yet even the demanding Albion chief seemed to enjoy his afternoon in the North East. And, even if he didn't, there were thousands of happy souls in a sunny Stadium of Light that had plenty of fun on his behalf.

With a survival battle still to win, the travelling army of supporters would have gladly accepted any points that came their way. But the nature of their third victory in six matches since Hodgson took the reins ensured the day will linger long in their memories.

Still nothing is guaranteed, despite victory taking Hodgson and Co into the top half of the table on Saturday evening.

The tightest Premier League in years, combined with a fixture list that now pits them against Chelsea and Tottenham, means maintaining the surge towards safety will become even harder.

Sunderland boss Steve Bruce cannot bear to watch

Albion man of the match Paul Scharner closes down striker Asamoah Gyan

But a team that looked in danger of collapsing before Hodgson's arrival now has the winning post in sight in the gruelling race to escape the drop.

And a stumble of Devon Loch proportions would now be needed to prevent Hodgson's resurgent side securing another year in the top flight.

The list of Premier League records that were re-written on Saturday was a tribute to Hodgson's remarkable impact and to the foundations laid by Di Matteo before his regime lost its way so spectacularly in the bleak mid-winter.

Never before have the Baggies won four away games in a single Premier League season or claimed back-to-back victories on the road.

A second win of the season over the Black Cats gave them two Premier League 'doubles' for the first time, while the unbeaten sequence that now extends to seven games is another club record.

The in-form Peter Odemwingie's 11th goal of the season equalled Robert Earnshaw's

SUNDERLAND 2
ALBION 3

Premier League best for a Baggies player, while the points tally that reached 39 is comfortably a club high. The statistics might count for little in isolation, but combined they paint a picture of solid progress for Albion.

The points were Hodgson's first ever as a manager at the Stadium of Light and, despite a sloppy start, they were richly deserved in the context of 90 breathless minutes. His side had to rebound from two major first-half setbacks to claim their just rewards.

First came Nicky Shorey's bizarre 10th-minute own-goal – his second of the season – when he lost his bearings while jumping with Ahmed Elmohamady at the far post and headed Asamoah Gyan's left-wing cross into his own net.

Then there was a 25-yard free-kick piledriver from Phil Bardsley that arrowed into the roof of Scott Carson's net.

But each time Albion fought back to level, first when Odemwingie pounced on poor defending to prod home inside the six-yard box and make it 1-1, and then when they converted the first of their slick team goals through Youssouf Mulumbu for 2-2.

Some silky passing ended with Mulumbu's one-two with Odemwingie and a right-footed shot that deflected off Michael Turner into the bottom corner.

And then, with 18 minutes left, came the goal of the game as the Baggies' classy 14-pass move left the Black Cats dizzy and allowed man-of-the-match Paul Scharner to sweep home an Odemwingie cross.

That sent the travelling masses into raptures, yet there was still a late storm to weather and only when an aerial barrage had been repelled and Danny Wellbeck's stoppage-time shot had dipped just over could the celebrations begin in earnest.

But when they did start they were joyous. In fact, they were probably the best celebrations in the world...

Abdoulaye Meite shadows Danny Welbeck

TALKING POINT

CAN ALBION BE THE WEST MIDLANDS' TOP DOGS? Victory at Sunderland extended Albion's lead over Wolves to seven points and took them five clear of Blues. And it ensured they would end the weekend also looking down on the West Midlands' traditional powerhouse of recent years, Villa.

With six matches to go the Baggies have a real chance of ending the season as the region's best-placed club for the first time since 1979.

The Hawthorns derby with Villa on April 30 could hold the key to their hopes of claiming local bragging rights.

It is a situation few Baggies fans could have dreamed of following the opening-day drubbing at Chelsea.

Next three games…

CHELSEA (H) SATURDAY
The Baggies will be full of confidence after their fine run but the defending Premier League champions will still be favourites, although their Champions League result at Manchester United could have an impact.

TOTTENHAM (A) APRIL 23
Albion's momentum away from home will get its biggest test to date when they take on the Champions League quarter-finalists in North London.

VILLA (H) APRIL 30
The Baggies might never have a better chance to end their long hoodoo against Villa, with the teams closer than they have been in years.

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